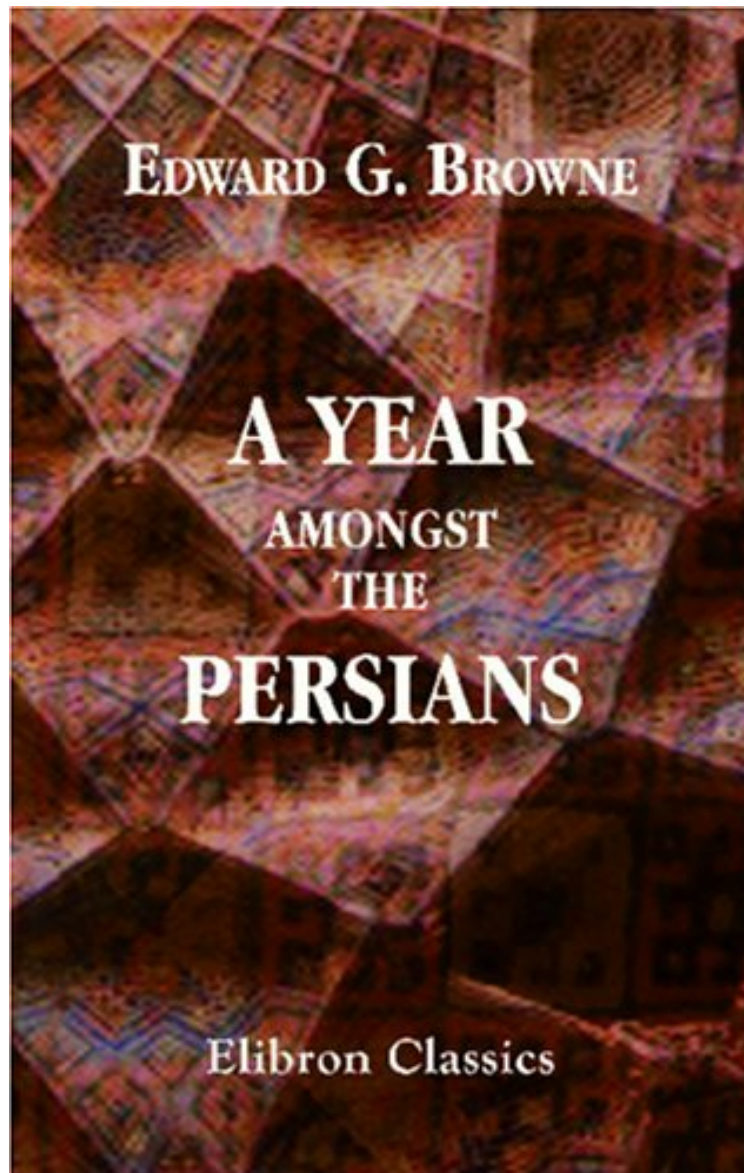


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I was amazed to discover Edward G Browne. Somehow I had never run across him before and I am very grateful to Elibron Classics for reprinting his memoirs. He was a renegade who wanted to join the Ottoman army originally as a young man and learned Turkish fluently. He insisted on learning Persian at a time when the British were almost universally despised in Iran for inequitably exploiting the oil and at a time when serving in the British diplomatic corp in India was thought to be of much greater prestige. Edward G Browne reached a level of understanding of Persian culture and traditions that few foreigners especially in his day ever did. His love for Persia and Persians is evident and he was well loved by Persians in return. I found the travelogue extremely interesting from several standpoints: one of which was to compare the Persia of his day to Iran of this century and what customs have remained in tact like hospitality towards guests and travellers and what has changed. He was deeply familiar and appreciative of the generosity of Persian friendship and honor. The other subject I found of great interest was his descriptions of how people travelled in those days, how caravans were procured and organized and provisioned for and what the caravanserais and inns were like. He is masterful at describing the different personalities of his Persian friends, hosts and hired hands. It is a truly fascinating and loving account which I highly recommend to anyone interested in Persian history and culture and I think many Iranian readers would find it extremely interesting as well. It was particularly magical to hear him describing places that I had been to in Tehran and other towns and villages in Iran, landmarks and mosques and catching the nuances of what had changed or hadn't. All in all he presents Persians in a very positive and unprejudiced light which is refreshing to know that someone in 1878 dared to be different. I am reminded of the great explorer and polyglot Richard Burton who also went native, became a Sufi and was possibly the first non Moslem European to go to Mecca disguised as a Persian. Edward G Browne's book is a refreshing departure from the propaganda and anti Iranian and anti Islamic diet we are fed by Western media.
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