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## The Unique Necklace: v. 3: Al- Iqd Al-Farid (Hardback)

By Ibn Abd Rabbih

Garnet Publishing Ltd, United Kingdom, 2011. Hardback. Condition: New. Language: English . Brand New Book. Al- Iqd al-Farid ( The Unique Necklace ) is one of the classics of Arabic literature. Compiled in several volumes by an Andalusian scholar and poet named Ibn Abd Rabbih (246-328 A.H. / 860-940 C.E.), it remains a mine of information about various elements of Arab culture and letters during the four centuries before his death. Essentially it is a book of adab, a term understood in modern times to specifically mean literature but in earlier times its meaning included all that a well-informed person had to know in order to pass in society as a cultured and refined individual. This meaning later evolved and included belles letters in the form of elegant prose and verse that was as much entertaining as it was morally educational, such as poetry, pleasant anecdotes, proverbs, historical accounts, general knowledge, wise maxims, and even practical philosophy. Ibn Abd Rabbih s imagination and organization saved his encyclopedic compendium from becoming a chaotic jumble of materials by conceiving of it as a necklace composed of twenty-five books , each of which carried the name of a jewel. Each of the twenty-five...



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