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From Library Journal

Little known today, Singh was perhaps the best-known Indian mystic of the first half of the 20th century, and a curious phenomenon at that. Well versed in Hindu, Islamic, and Sikh writings, Singh lived as a wandering holy man in the established Hindu manner but found his way to a kind of Christianity based in his own mystical experience of Jesus. This fascinating collection of his conversations and parables reveals a startlingly non-Western but deeply authentic Christianity. This volume should be of the keenest interest to spiritual seekers, Christian and non-Christian alike. Highly recommended.

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Review

Sadhu Sundar Singh is one of the most fascinating and enigmatic spiritual guides of the twentieth century. Rooted as it is in a distinctively Indian style, his Christian wisdom challenges Western readers to step beyond theological ideas and taste the Gospel itself. Plough has done a great service by publishing the work of this wise and holy teacher. (**Robert Elsberg**, author, *All Saints*)

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Sadhu Sundar Singh's dramatic encounter with the living Christ, his refusal to clothe his faith with western trappings, and his absolute devotion to the way of Jesus make for compelling reading. I highly recommend this book. (**Richard J. Foster**, author, *Celebration of Discipline*)

About the Author

One of the first Indian Christian teachers to receive worldwide attention in modern times, Sundar Singh (1889-1929) wandered throughout Tibet and the Indian subcontinent as a sadhu, a penniless pilgrim wearing the traditional saffron robe. His simple explanations of spiritual truths severed the link between Christian faith and western culture, bringing to life the teachings of Jesus for millions of Indians.

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