



## The Tale of Hodja Nasreddin Disturber of the Peace

by Leonid Solovyov  
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**Summary:** Returning from exile, Hodja Nasreddin finds his family gone, his home destroyed, and his city in the grasp of corrupt and greedy rulers who have brought pain and suffering upon the common folk. But Hodja Nasreddin is not one to bow to oppression or abandon the downtrodden. Though he is armed only with his quick wits and his donkey, all the swords, walls, and dungeons in the land cannot stop him!



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**Author bio:** Leonid Vasilyevich Solovyov was born in 1906 in Lebanon. He began his writing career as a newspaper reporter in Uzbekistan, where he also studied regional folklore. In the 1930s, he moved to Moscow and graduated from a literary and screenwriting program. *Disturber of the Peace* – part one of Solovyov's best known work, *The Tale of Hodja Nasreddin* – was published in 1939. During WWII, Solovyov served as a war correspondent.

In 1946, Solovyov was arrested by the Soviet secret police after making a comment about Stalin, and imprisoned until 1954. The second part of *The Tale of Hodja Nasreddin*, subtitled *The Enchanted Prince*, was written in the prison camps. After his release, Solovyov settled in Leningrad, where he remained until his death in 1962.

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