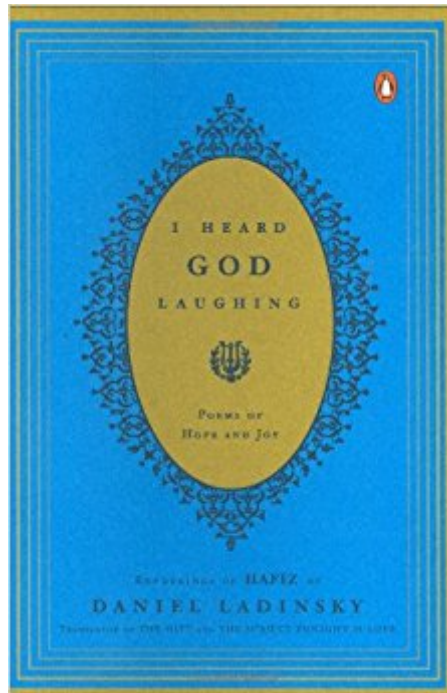




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# I Heard God Laughing: Poems Of Hope And Joy



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