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Not only is Madame Guyon a deep and profound theologian, but she invites the Christian into an ever deeper relationship with God. Madame Guyon stands alongside the greats in the mystical tradition—Mother Julian of Norwich, Meister Eckhart, and Thomas à Kempis. (Dr. Ian Markham, Dean of Virginia Theological Seminary)

Nancy C. James presents a clear, elegant translation of the original French that surmounts some of the difficulties of Guyon's theology with abundant imagery from traditional love poetry, such as the heart that leaves the body to join the beloved in Emblem XXXIX. James provides the introduction by Pierre Poirer from the 1717 edition and clarifications of scriptural references. Guyon's sighs console the soul while they reflect the glory of God. (Sharon D. Voros, United States Naval Academy)

Nancy James has invested considerable energies in the study of Madame Guyon, gaining impressive expertise. This emblem book will introduce readers to a fascinating new side of Guyon that combines poetry and art. Guyon's passion for God evidences itself in the poems, showing the mystic's yearning for completion in union with God. Highly recommended. (Reverend Dr. William Roberts, Virginia Theological Seminary)

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