Rumi: Persian Poet, Whirling Dervish by Demi

Born in Afghanistan in the thirteenth century, Rumi settled in Turkey and became a great mystical poet. Although he began his adult life as a highly respected scholar, he found his true calling after being mentored by a holy man, Shamsuddin. From Shams, he learned to listen for the sacred sound of God within himself. When his creative spirit was awakened, he recited more than 50,000 rhymed couplets. He also wrote about the love that resides in the soul of everyone regardless of religion or background. He founded the order of the whirling dervishes who believed their spinning dances put them in touch with God and brought peace and love into the world. Although Rumi died 800 years ago, his poems are more widely read now than ever before. To honor the 800th anniversary of his birth, the United Nations declared 2007 The Year of Mawlana Jalaladdin Rumi.

My Personal Review:
Demi’s RUMI: WHIRLING DERVISH is also a winner, telling of a 13th century Afghani poet who became the great poet of all. From his early scholarship to his religious introspection, RUMI provides a fine survey of his life and poems. Both hold Demi's signature drawings in full color.