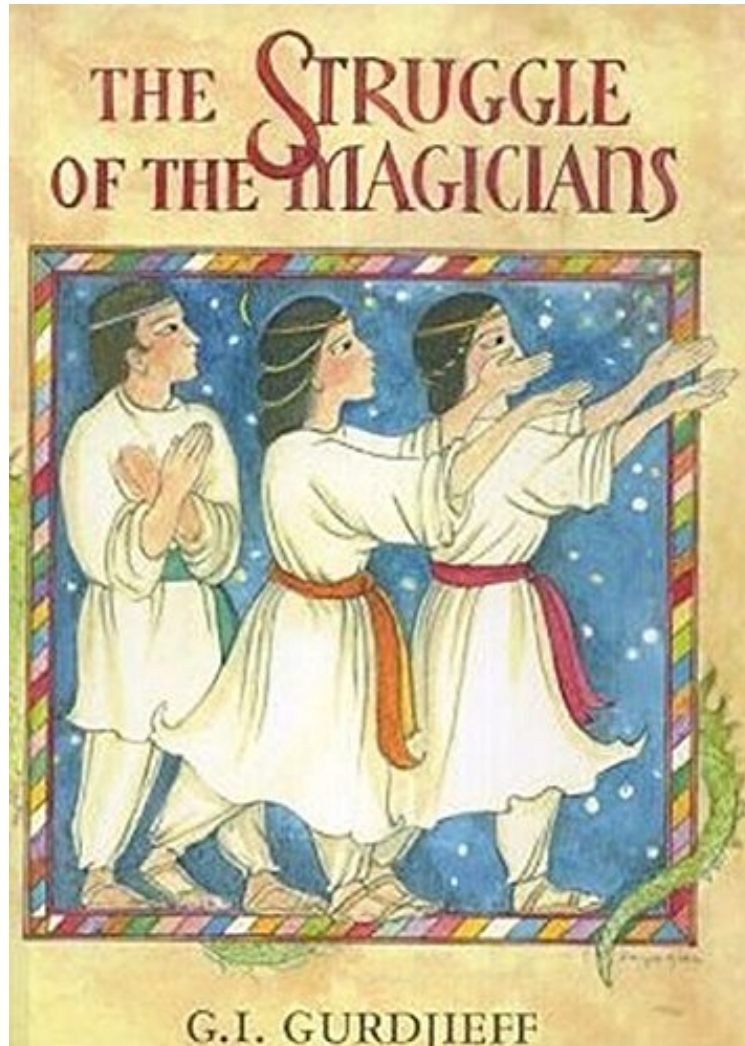


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About the Author David Kherdian is an internationally acclaimed author of 73 books, 23 of them poetry. David's biography of his mother (*The Road from Home*), the sole survivor of her family of the Armenian genocide, has been continuously in print for 36 years, and has been translated into seventeen languages. David has written numerous spiritual titles, including *Monkey: A Journey to the West*, *Buddha: The Story of an Awakened Life*, *On A Spaceship with Beelzebub: By A Grandson of Gurdjieff*, and *Seeds of Light: Poems from a Gurdjieff Community*. He has received numerous awards including a Newbery Honor Book Award, The Boston Globe / Horn Book Award, The Jane Addams Award, The Friends of American Writers Award, The Armenian Star Award, and a nomination for the National Book Award.