



KAṬĪB ROSTAM DEDE

KAṬĪB ROSTAM DEDE B. ‘ABD-ALLĀH MAWLAWI (Hatīb Rüstem Dede b. Abdullah el-Mevlevî; d. after 903/ 1498), Ottoman Sufi, writer, and poet. Little is known about his life. He seems to have been born in the second half of the 9th/15th century. He belonged to the Mawlawi order and lived in Konya. The exact time of his death is unknown.

Kaṭīb Rostam is the author of the *Wasila al-maqāṣed elā aḥsan al-marāṣed*, a Persian-Turkish dictionary with a précis on Persian grammar dated 903/1498 and written with the purpose of educating his children and students. This work consists of three chapters (*bāb*), namely, infinitives (*maṣāder*), proverbs (*amṭela*), and proper names (*asmā-ye mowjudāt*), and has an epilogue on vocabulary (*ma‘āni-e ḥoruf*). At the beginning of each chapter, the rules of Persian grammar are explained in verse form in Ottoman Turkish. The work is preserved in complete manuscripts at libraries in Turkey, Iran, Georgia, Iraq, Egypt, and Europe (see Karatay, II, pp. 33-34; Sobḥāni, 1994, pp. 13-14, 205, 408, 505; Sobḥāni 1989, pp. 52-53; Monzawi, III, p. 2046; Flügel, I, pp. 197-98; Dānešpažuh, p. 159). There exists also a concise version of it entitled *Loḡāt-e montaḳab az wasila al-maqāṣed* in the Gedik Ahmed Paşa Library in the city of Afyon Kara Hisar (Ms. no. 17525/2, fols. 168a-221a; see Sobḥāni, 1994, p. 476).



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