

## REMEMBERING A SAINT

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### **ABSTRACT**

*The book Baba Bamu-ud-din Reshi (RA) is the first effort at chronicling the events and incidents of the life of an important saint of South Kashmir. The editor and the mind behind this small but impressive project, Mr. Zulfikar Siddiqui, has really tried to fill a gap whose presence was felt for a long time. By initiating, seeking to collect information and organising that in the form of a book, Mr. Siddiqui has done a commendable job. At a time when people are busy in worldly pursuits and left without much curiosity about the saintly ancestors of our locality in Anantnag (Islambad) or Kashmir at large, this book does come as a refreshing departure. The book with a beautiful cover embellished with tempting calligraphic work contains ten chapters, with an introduction and concluding essay by the editor of the book. These chapters written in easy-to-understand Kashmiri and Urdu cover various dimensions of the life of saint from his early years to the advanced life. The writers like Prof. Bashir Bashir, Prof. Shaad Ramzan, Dr. Sameer Siddiqui, eminent writer Mr. Ghulam Nabi Aatash and others have vividly picturised the pious life of Buma Saad, who later became Baba Bamu-ud-din. It is a little embarrassing to share with the readers this information, that I live just two kilometres away from the grave of the saint, yet I did not know much about this human being. I found myself relishing each detail which came out of the book. Many of my own questions and doubts were answered, and of course an image of a human being appeared before my eyes which will surprise many of his followers.*

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