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Ibn-i-Safi

Sir,

With reference to the article written by Mr Rauf Parekh (Dawn, 22-07-2008) regarding Ibn-i-Safi, I agree with him that Ibn-i-Safi is one of the most important fiction writers who popularized Urdu among the young generation of the fifties, sixties, seventies and eighties.

Ibn-i-Safi lived in his isolated world and with his great imagination produced the best fiction in Urdu literature. He is definitely the 'Imam' of Urdu detective fiction. His characters are still living in many people who waited hours for his books at Regal bus stop in Karachi every month.

Ibn-i-Safi was a writer who worked hard to popularize Urdu in the subcontinent and it is time that we celebrate his success and the impact of his writing on our literature.

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