

FLORIDA STATE UNIVERSITY  
COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES

PAST THE GARDENIA BUSH, BEYOND THE BASKETBALL HOOP:  
A HYBRID MEMOIR AND AN EMBEDDED FICTIONAL NARRATIVE OF  
THE MEDIEVAL SAINT RABIAA AL-ADAWIYYAH

By  
FATMAH ALHARTHI

A Dissertation submitted to the  
Department of English  
in partial fulfillment of the  
requirements for the degree of  
Doctor of Philosophy

2024

Fatmah Alharthi defended this dissertation on June 27, 2024.

The members of the supervisory committee were:

Diane K Roberts

Professor Directing Dissertation

Maxine D Jones

University Representative

Robert O Butler Jr

Committee Member

Susan C Ward

Committee Member

Ravi Y Howard

Committee Member

The Graduate School has verified and approved the above-named committee members and certifies that the dissertation has been approved in accordance with university requirements.