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The Fatimid period was the golden age of Ismaili thought and literature, when the Shi'ite Ismaili Imams ruled over vast areas of the Muslim world as the Fatimid caliphs and the Ismailis made important contributions to Islamic civilization. In this book, Heinz Halm investigates from a historical perspective the intellectual traditions that developed among the Ismailis from the rise of the Fatimid state in North Africa to the cultural brilliance of what the author calls 'one of the great eras in Egyptian history and in Islamic history in general.' The topics discussed include the training of the Ismaili da'is or

missionaries, the establishment of academic institutions such as al-Azhar and the Dar al-Ilm (House of Knowledge) through which the Fatimids encouraged learning, and the special 'sessions of wisdom' (majalis al-hikma) for advanced instruction in Ismaili esoteric teachings.

Past and Present Cambridge University Press

The Media of Diaspora examines how diasporic communities have used new communications media to maintain and develop community ties on a local and transnational level. This collection of essays from a wide range of different diasporic contexts is a unique contribution to the field.

Surviving the Mongols I.B. Tauris
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Ramdev Pir and the Ismailis in Rajasthan

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The Ismailis are a geographically, linguistically and ethnically diverse Shi'a Muslim community - the second largest in the world. Scattered in more than twenty countries of Asia, Africa, Europe and North America, they are currently led by their 49th Imam, His Highness the Aga Khan. In four chapters this book traces their history, within the wider context of Islamic history and the world in general, over the better part of fourteen hundred years. Each chapter is fully illustrated and accompanied by relevant maps and diagrams such as genealogical charts. The book has more than 300 illustrations, most in colour, consisting of images from illustrated manuscripts, artefacts, architecture, community documents, as well as important historical and

contemporary photographs of members of the Ismaili community (many from private collections and archives) and the varied geographical contexts in which they live. A chronology of key events, a glossary of important terms, and a bibliography are also provided. Farhad Daftary is head of the Department of Academic Research and Publications and Associate Director at The Institute of Ismaili Studies, London. An authority in Ismaili studies, his publications include *A Short History of the Ismailis* (1998), *The Assassin Legends: Myths of the Ismailis* (1994), and *Ismaili Literature* (2004). Dr Daftary's books have been translated into Arabic, Persian, Turkish, Urdu and numerous European languages. Zulfikar Hirji is Assistant Professor of Anthropology at York University, Toronto. He is the editor of *Muslim Plurality and Pluralism* (2008), the author of *Moving Subjects, Shifting Paradigms: Multi-sited Ethnography and Indian Ocean Communities* (forthcoming), and has articles in journals including 'Anthropology of the Middle East', 'Sociologus', and books including *Textiles in Indian Ocean Societies* (2005), *Modern Ismaili Communities* (2008).

Islam in Africa BRILL

This volume addresses these issues through the description of a series of interventions of territorial planning, environmental protection, recovery of historic buildings and traditional villages and the improvement of living conditions. 260 b/w & 220 colour illustrations
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Suggests that the international mass media has been instrumental in widening the gap between the Middle East and the West.

Diversity and Pluralism in Islam I.B. Tauris
This is a comprehensive study of the life of Nasir-Khusraw, one of the foremost poets of the Persian language and a major Ismaili thinker and writer. Celebrated for a poetry that combines art with philosophy, trusted for the details of his travels throughout the Middle East, revered and criticized for his theological texts, he remains one of the most fascinating figures in Islamic history and literature. This volume also includes sections of his work.

Hidden Treasures in the Northern Areas of Pakistan New York : Van Nostrand-Reinhold Company

This work provides an overview of the contributions as a thinker of Abu Ya'qub al-Sijistani, a 10th-century missionary whose writings reveal him as both a philosopher and an exponent of the intellectual understanding of Islam. The old problem of

the meaning of science and religion and their interaction as reflected in the thought of an Ismaili author from the early Islamic period is now interpreted within the framework that brings together ideas and obscure doctrines surviving only piecemeal from medieval Arabic books and treatises.

The Aga Khan and his Ancestors Harvard Univ Committee on

This volume presents scholarship on Ismaili history and thought from leading authorities in the field.

A History of Race Relations Within the British Empire, 1890-1939 BRILL

The devotional literature of the Ismailis in the Indo-Pakistan subcontinent is a rich seam of creativity in the cultural heritage of Islam. This book looks at the "ginans", a large corpus of hymns and poems composed in a variety of Indic languages and attributed to a series of preacher-saints who propagated Ismaili Islam in the subcontinent over several centuries. The work explores the origins of this literature in the larger historical, cultural and religious contexts of the Sufi, Bhakti and Sant movements in medieval India. The characteristics of the "ginans" are explored and the Khojki script in which they were written. There is also a look at the continuing enthusiasm for this poetic tradition in the religious life of contemporary Nizari Ismaili communities of South Asian origin.

Islam: A Very Short Introduction I.B. Tauris

This book examines the most important writings of a tenth century Islamic theologian and jurist who was one of the most original thinkers of his period. It argues that Qadi al-Nu'man's works constituted new and vital genres in Ismaili Shi'i literature, an emergence necessitated by the Fatimids' transition from revolutionary movement to statehood, and by their desire to establish their authority as a Shi'i alternative to the Sunni Abbasid caliphate. Al-Nu'man, already famous in the Fatimid era, produced a legacy which consists of a school of law, historical and biographical works, new interpretations of Ismaili doctrine, and the formulation of a ceremonial language achieved through his work on court protocol. Between Revolution and State represents a sophisticated and readable analysis of one of the seminal figures of the Fatimid period.

The Media of Diaspora I.B. Tauris
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Liberal Thought in the Eastern Mediterranean Oxford : Clarendon Press

"This volume is the result of a series of seminars on 'Muslim pluralism' hosted at The Institute of Ismaili Studies between

2002 and 2003

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Mapping the diverse images of Islam and Muslims in educational texts as reproduced in national contexts across Europe and neighboring regions, *Narrating Islam* explores both historical perceptions and contemporary representations of Islam and Muslims as projected through instructional media. Based on interdisciplinary research, it seeks to excavate the layered images of Muslims and Islam which have been historically embedded in semantic reservoirs and which feed into the modern scripting of the 'other' in a global context. *Narrating Islam* offers a framework to critically discuss European identity through interrogating how pedagogical discourses negotiate the Muslim presence in and around Europe.

Al-Mu'ayyad Al-Shirazi and Fatimid Da'wa Poetry Bloomsbury Publishing

Travelling in a battered camping van, Malise Ruthven set out across America in search of the manifestations - often bizarre and sometimes terrifying - of its religious spirit. The journey took him from the dark woods of Puritan New England to neo-Nazi cults in the Rockies; from Mormons and Snake-handlers to fundamentalist groups who challenge the teaching of evolution; from Channellers in California to the sexual and financial scandals surrounding millionaire TV preachers. The Divine Supermarket is his zesty and brilliantly-observed account of the journey, offering illuminating and humorous insights into the quirky soul of modern America.

The Rise of the Fatimids Routledge

Among the most outstanding Ismaili thinkers, Hamid al-Din al-Kirmani was at the forefront of the intellectual advances of his time and almost on a par with his famous contemporary, Ibn Sina, with whom he shared many philosophical ideas. His ideas on the intellect and the order of creation are a departure from those expressed by early Ismaili thinkers which he endeavoured to amend, thus providing insights into early Ismaili debates about philosophical and scientific concepts.

A Case of Commitment in Classical Arabic Literature Umberto Allemandi

Women often appear invisible in what is widely perceived as the male-oriented society of Islam. This work seeks to redress the balance with a series of essays on women in the pre-modern phase of Islamic history. The reader will encounter here rulers, politicians, poets and patrons, as well as some larger than life fictitious females from the pages of Arabic, Persian

and Turkish literature. There are also accounts of quiet or troubled lives of ordinary women preserved in the court records of Mamluk Egypt and Ottoman Turkey, reminders that historical research can resuscitate the lives of subaltern as well as elite women from the past.

Nizari Quhistani and the Continuity of the Ismaili Tradition in Persia I.B. Tauris
Al-Ghazali is arguably one of the most influential thinkers in the history of Islam, and his writings have received greater

scholarly attention in the West than those of any other Muslim scholar. This study explores an important dimension of his thought that has not yet been fully examined, namely, his polemical engagement with the Ismailis of the Fatimid and early Alamut periods.

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With an Account of His Predecessore, the Ismailian Princes Or Benefatimite Caliphs of Egypt I.B. Tauris

Islam features widely in the news, often in

its most militant forms, but few people in the non-Muslim world really understand its nature. Malise Ruthven's *Very Short Introduction*, offers essential insights into the big issues, provides fresh perspectives on contemporary questions, and guides us through the complex debates.

Interpretations of the Muslim World in European Texts OUP Oxford

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