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Persian served as one of the primary languages of historical writing over the period of the early modern Islamic empires of the Ottomans, Safavids, and Mughals. Historians writing under these empires read and cited each other's works, some moving from one empire to another, writing under different rival dynasties at various points in time. Emphasizing the importance of looking beyond the confines of political boundaries in studying this phenomenon, Sholeh A. Quinn employs a variety of historiographical approaches to draw attention to the importance of placing these histories within not only their historical context but also their historiographical context.

This comparative study of Persian historiography from the sixteenth to the seventeenth centuries presents in-depth case analyses alongside a wide array of primary sources written under the Ottomans, Safavids, and Mughals to illustrate that Persian historiography during this era was part of an extensive universe of literary-historical writing.

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