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For my mother and father

NOTE ON TRANSLATION, TRANSLITERATION, AND DATES

All translations herein are my own. In transliterating Arabic and Persian words and names, I have—with the exception of Appendix B—dispensed with diacritics, save for the *‘ayn*, *hamza*, and, in several instances, the macron to distinguish long and short /a/. All dates herein are Common Era; however, bibliographical dates for books published in Iran include the Persian solar calendar (SH) dates.

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