

Further Reading

There is a growing body of literature providing a survey of Fatimid history and thought. Principal among these is the comprehensive summary in Farhad Daftary's *The Isma'ilis: Their History and Doctrines* (2nd edition, Cambridge, 2007), pp. 137–295. Similarly, Paul E. Walker's study *Exploring an Islamic Empire: Fatimid History and its Sources* (London, 2002), pp. 15–91, provides an insightful overview of the Fatimids, along with a bibliography. Marius Canard's entry on the Fatimids in the *Encyclopaedia of Islam* (2nd edition) as well as Paula Sanders' 'The Fatimid State, 969–1171', in *The Cambridge History of Egypt*, volume 1: *Islamic Egypt, 640–1517*, ed. Carl F. Petry (Cambridge, 1998), pp. 151–174, also offer useful coverage of the Fatimids.

For more detailed accounts of the Fatimids, there are the three volumes by Heinz Halm (in German). The first volume, *Das Reich des Mahdi: Der Aufstieg der Fatimiden* (Munich, 1991), covers the Ifriqiyan phase of Fatimid history, and has been translated into English by Michael Bonner as *The Empire of the Mahdi: The Rise of the Fatimids* (Leiden, 1996). Halm's second volume, *Die Kalifen von Kairo: Die Fatimiden in Ägypten 973–1074* (Munich, 2003), and third volume, *Kalifen und Assassinen: Ägypten und der Vordere Orient zur Zeit der ersten Kreuzzüge 1074–1171* (Munich, 2014), cover the Egyptian phase of Fatimid history. The second and third volumes are yet to be translated. For another important overview of Fatimid history, see Michael Brett, *The Fatimid Empire* (Edinburgh, 2017). On the North African phase of Fatimid history, see his *The Rise of the Fatimids: The World of the Mediterranean and the Middle East in the Fourth Century of the Hijra, Tenth Century CE* (Leiden, 2001), as well as Farhat Dachraoui's *Le Califat Fatimid au Maghrib, 296–362/909–973: histoire, politique et institutions* (Tunis, 1981). Among the important contemporary works in Arabic surveying the Egyptian phase of Fatimid history is Ayman Fu'ad

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