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The *Jawidan-nama-yi kabir* ('Great Book of Eternity') was the magnum opus of Fa'iz Allah Astarabadi (d. 796/1394) and provided the basis of the Hurufi movement. Today it is one of the most important known texts belonging to the mystical and messianic current that became particularly active in Iran and Anatolia following the Mongol rule. It illuminates the contemporary reconfiguration of religious and political authority along messianic and charismatic lines that took place in the Islamic East, which arguably contributed to the rise and consolidation of the Ottoman, Safawid and Mughal dynasties. *Words of Power* is the first comprehensive study of Fa'iz Allah's seminal work. Orkhan Mir-Kasimov summarises Fa'iz Allah's biography, charts the history of the Hurufi movement, contextualises the *Jawidan-nama* within Islamic intellectual history, and considers its lasting impact in the Muslim world.

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