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d. 897

Arab historian and geographer whose *Kitab al-buldan* was the first scientific treatment of historical geography produced by the Arab culture of the Middle Ages. At various times al-Ya'qubi lived in Armenia and Khorasan (modern Afghanistan), and he traveled both in India and the Maghrib region of North Africa. His *Ta'rikh ibn wadih* was a history of the world to 872.