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misinterpretation of simply a few Achaemenian royal inscriptions and ignore much of the remaining evidence from that empire. The political and administrative system of the Achaemenian Empire was not at all similar to that of the Medes or the steppe

against many historical documents. Sadly, the book's primary focus on the develop-

ments of the Classical Age has led the author to overlook the vital role of the Scythians in shaping Iranian history during the Arsacid rule. After all, the Parthians were

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