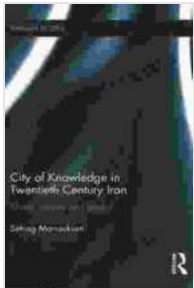


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During the reign of Darius the Great, Shiraz served as a **重要な拠点** (important hub) for the empire, connecting the Persian heartland with the Persian Gulf. Its strategic location made it a crucial administrative and military center, and it was here that the renowned Persian Royal Road originated, connecting Susa in the east with Sardis in the west.

A Cradle of Persian Poetry

Shiraz's literary legacy is perhaps its most enduring and celebrated aspect. The city has been home to some of the greatest poets in Persian history, including Hafiz and Saadi, whose works have left an indelible mark on world literature.

Hafiz, known as the "Tongue of the Hidden," is renowned for his exquisite ghazals, a form of Persian love poem characterized by its intricate rhyme scheme and evocative imagery. Saadi, on the other hand, is celebrated for his didactic and satirical poems, which explore themes of morality, wisdom, and the human condition.

The influence of these poets extends far beyond Iran's borders. Their works have been translated into countless languages and continue to inspire and enchant readers worldwide.

A Cultural Crossroads

Throughout its history, Shiraz has been a melting pot of cultures, a place where different traditions and influences have intermingled and shaped its unique character.

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Shiraz is also renowned for its vibrant arts scene, which encompasses traditional crafts, music, and dance. The city's bazaars are a treasure trove of handicrafts, where visitors can find everything from intricate carpets to hand-painted ceramics.

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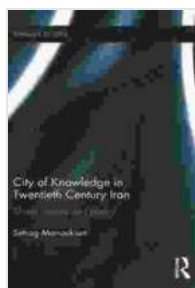
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