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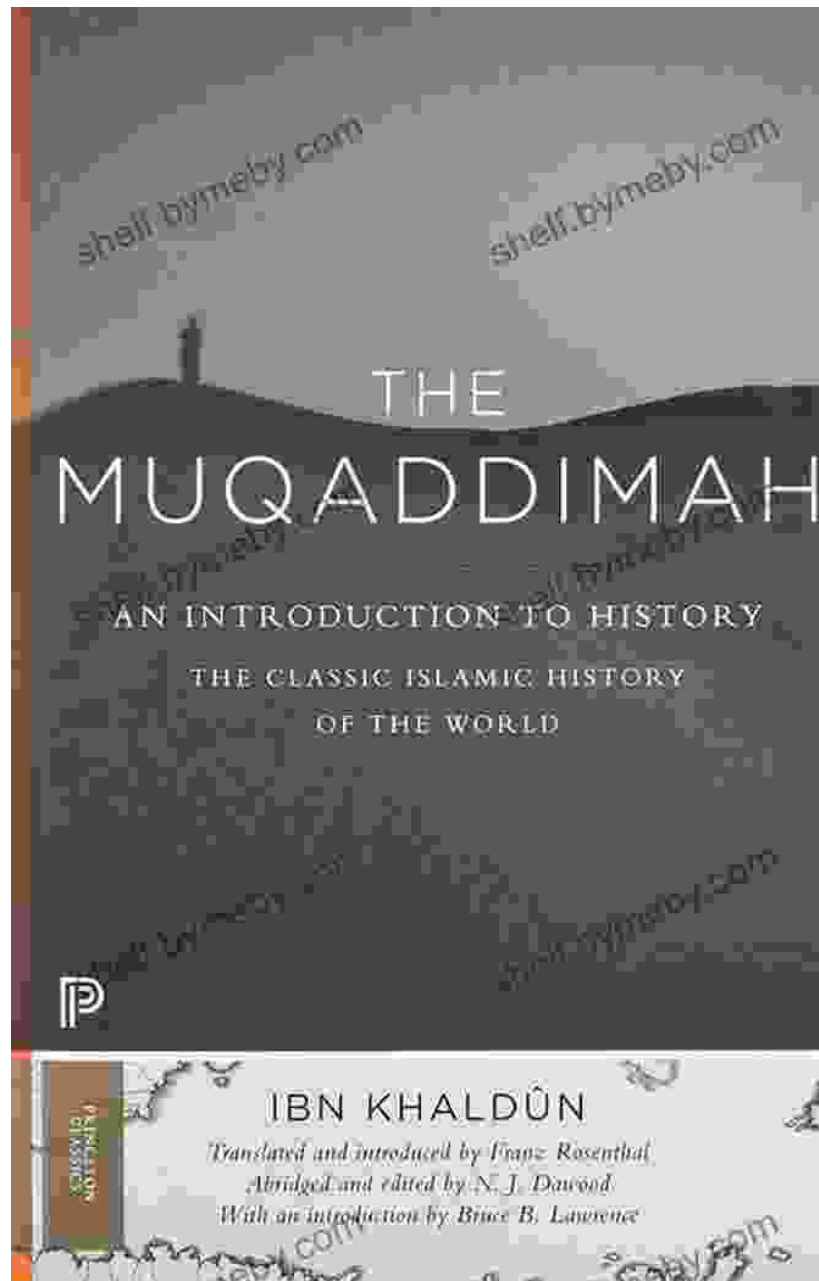
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the rise and fall of empires and the social and political forces that shaped them.

In his groundbreaking work, *The Muqaddimah*, Ibn Khaldun argued that history was not simply a record of past events, but a science that could be used to understand the present and predict the future. He developed a theory of social change that emphasized the role of economic factors and the importance of institutions.

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About Mary Gordon

Mary Gordon is the author of eleven novels, including *The Liar's Club*, *The Company of Women*, and *Pearl*. She has also written two memoirs, *Final Payments* and *Circling My Mother*. Her work has been translated into more than thirty languages and has won numerous awards, including the National Book Critics Circle Award and the Pulitzer Prize.

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