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For the sake of convenience and the accessibility of the book to a wide readership in the field of medieval history, dates are generally given according to the Western calendar, except for dates of birth and death for which I have used both the Islamic (AH) and Western systems of dating.

