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Humayun, the son of Babur and second Mughal ruler, reigned in Agra, Kabul and Delhi intermittently from 1530 to 1556. Until now, his numerous achievements, including winning back the Mughal throne, have not been well recorded. Humayun neither wrote an autobiography nor had an historian to glorify him; the eccentric accounts of his historian Khwandamir elude general comprehension. *The Planetary King* follows Humayun's travels and campaigns during the political and social disturbances of the early sixteenth century. It delves into Humayun's social and intellectual life; demystifies his magico-scientific world view, draws attention to his deep involvement with literature, poetry, painting, architecture, mathematics, astronomy, astrology, occultism and extraordinary inventions, and offers a new analysis of Humayun's mausoleum as the posthumous sum of his visions and dreams.

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