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In the center of Maria Szuppe’s valuable article stands the introduction of a hitherto neglected, if not unknown source on Shaybanid history: the *Mosaḥfat-e belād* written around the turn of the 16th to the 17th century by Moḥammad Yār b. ‘Arab Qaṭaḡān in Persian. This work, unpublished at the time when this article was written [now published: ed. N. Jalālī, Tehrān 1385/2006-2007, see *Abs. Ir*. 29, n° 216] is not only useful as an important source for Uzbek history, but as Szuppe demonstrates convincingly, also sheds light on the Shaybanids’ attitudes and perceptions vis-à-vis the Safavids as their neighbours and rivals to the west. It is fascinating to see that there was no perception of the Safavids as ruling over an entity called ‘Iran’, nor did their Shiite creed play an important role. This extremely well documented contribution can also be read as a short introduction to the state of research on Uzbek/Shaybanid historiography.

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