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| Sommario/riassunto | In Farmarz, the Sistni Hero Marjolijn van Zutphen discusses the manuscripts, storylines and main themes of the shorter and the longer Farmarznme (c. 1100), in relation to Ferdowsi's Shhnme and several other later manawis about the warriors from Sistn (the Persian Epic Cycle). Farmarz, a secondary figure of the Shhnme , gained importance in later epic traditions and as the invincible protagonist of both Farmarznmes reached a status that equalled, if not surpassed, that of his famous father Rostam. Van Zutphen further shows how Farmarz displays parallels to the fictional figures of Garshsp (his ancestor) and Eskandar and argues that some story elements of Farmarz's Indian conquest may be rooted in historical events from both the Parthian and the Ghaznawid period. |

