



ABU'L-FAẒL MĪKĀL

ABU'L-FAẒL MĪKĀL, 'OBAYDALLĀH (also called 'ABDALLĀH and 'ABD-AL-RAḤMĀN) B. AḤMAD B. 'ALĪ, author and poet, d. 436/1045. Abu'l-Faẓl traced his lineage back to the Sasanian king Pērōz. His mastery of Arabic literature was such that Ṭa'ālebī recognized him as the equal of Ebn 'Amīd and Šāḥeb b. 'Abbād, and in poetry the peer of 'Abdallāh b. al-Mo'tazz and Abū Ferās Ḥamdānī. He wrote a *divān* of poetry, and a collection of his essays entitled *Makzūn al-balāga* was well-known. Titles of other works included *al-Montaḥel* (or *al-Montakab*) and *Melaḥ al-kawāṭer wa menaḥ al-ǰawāher*.

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