

CONTENTS

Acknowledgements	7
Introduction	9
Chapter 1. Muslim Hagiographies and the Social History of Central Asia	17
Central Asian hagiographies as historical sources	17
Hagiographical elements in Muslim compositional genres	19
Regional and thematic aspects of hagiographic traditions	21
Kazakh hagiographies	23
Sources for modern Kazakh hagiographies and shrine catalogs	31
Chapter 2. Sufi Communities and the Significance of Miracles	33
Sufi communities in Central Asia	33
Miracles and sacred lineages	40
Five Ishan lineages in Kazakhstan	47
Chapter 3. Confiscation, Collectivization, and Repression	61
<i>Ishans</i> and the state to 1917	64
Stalinist repression in Kazakhstan	69
Chapter 4. Gulag Miracles and Sacred Relics	85
Gulag miracles	85
Relics and other sacred objects	97
Chapter 5. Accommodation, Sovietization, and Islamization	103
Sacred lineages and the Second World War	105
Ishans and Soviet career paths	109
Saints on the collective farm: Tractor and rain miracles	114
Ishans and Soviet patriotism	115
Conclusion	117
Appendix: Miracles in the Gulag and Tsarist Prisons	119
Bibliography	133
Maps	143
Index	147

