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Ancient Chinese Art: Murals of the Tang Dynasty (618-709 Ad) Oct 25 2019 A Great Collection of Breathtaking Images That Have Never Been Published Before! The publication of Ancient Chinese Art: Murals of the Tang Dynasty (618-709 AD) is a major event in the world of ancient art. It fills in the blanks in this field. Murals have been found in different countries and nations since the beginning of human civilization, a period of nearly ten thousand years. Many beautiful murals dating from the ancient times in Egypt, Rome, Russia, and Babylon are still preserved today. Their unique artistic charm still influences us. China is also known for her ancient murals, of which the famous Dunhuang Murals of the Tang Dynasty are representative. They reflect the politics, economy, culture, and religion of the glorious period of the Tang Dynasty. This album of murals of the Tang Dynasty is a collection of photographs of more than 200 representative murals of the Tang Dynasty preserved by Yang family. They show flying Apsaras, heavenly music goddess, Buddha images, Bodhisattva, Arhat, Buddha's warrior attendant, Buddhist sponsor worshipers of the court and nobility of the Tang Dynasty, Tang imperial family members and nobles hunting, and Tang imperial family members and nobles worshipping Buddha. These murals depict every aspect of the life of the court and nobility of the Tang Dynasty, covering politics, economy, culture, religion, and music of that period in Chinese history. The murals vividly show the expressions of the people, their headdresses, costumes, hand ornaments, their bodies, gestures, and animals. We believe the reader will be amazed by the art of these murals. About the Author: Chang Yang is the vice president of the Western Returned Scholars Association Entrepreneur Alliance, a guest professor of the State University of Minnesota of the United States, and a hereditary collector of ancient Chinese cultural relics. Chang Yang is the curator of Chang Yang Jade Buddha Palace Museum, which was established in Baodi District of Tianjin City of China, supported by Li Ruihuan, former chairman of the Chinese People's Political Consultative

Conference, and many other Chinese leaders and entrepreneurs.

SUMMARY - The Ruler's Guide: China's Greatest Emperor And His Timeless Secrets Of Success By Chinghua Tang Jun 20 2019 * Our summary is short, simple and pragmatic. It allows you to have the essential ideas of a big book in less than 30 minutes. By reading this summary, you will learn how Emperor Tang Taizong ruled ancient China for 23 years in the 7th century AD. You will also learn : that being an emperor is a full-time job that leaves no rest; that virtues are as important as strength in maintaining power; that the acceptance of criticism is an integral part of the art of good government; that the spirit of thrift is a master asset for all leaders; that the knowledge of men is the key to political success; that morality and competence must go hand in hand in the leadership of any country or organization. Emperor Tang Taizong was the second emperor of the Tang Dynasty. He left behind him talks with his ministers which form a veritable manual of the art of governing. This treatise on good government has become a classic of Chinese culture. Today, the thought of this emperor is studied throughout Asia by all leaders, political or economic. *Buy now the summary of this book for the modest price of a cup of coffee!

In Love with the Way Feb 27 2020 Verses from Chinese poetry's acclaimed golden age are elegant and precise examples of spiritual beauty and of the economy of language. Illustrations.

300 Tang Poems: Bilingual Edition, English and Chinese Nov 25 2019 This bilingual edition of 300 Tang Poems features both English and Chinese side by side for easy reference and bilingual support. The poems are numbered and organized for easy reading and access. Tang poetry refers to poetry written in or around the time of or in the characteristic style of China's Tang dynasty, 618 - 907, and follows a certain style, often considered as the Golden Age of Chinese poetry. During the Tang Dynasty, poetry continued to be an important part of social life at all levels of society. Scholars were required to master poetry for the civil service exams, but the art was theoretically available to everyone. This led to a large record of poetry and poets, a partial record of which survives today. Two of the most famous poets of the period were Du Fu and Li Bai. This classic collection of 300 Tang Poems features the English translation of Witter Bynner, reprinted with the generous permission from The Witter Bynner Foundation for Poetry. For more information, please visit www.bynnerfoundation.org.

Great Tang Dynasty Record of the Western Regions, The Apr 11 2021 "The great Tang dynasty record of the western regions is the itinerary of the journey undertaken by the Tripitaka-Master Xuanzang [a.k.a. Hsüan-tsang], in India and some parts of Central Asia in 629-45 C.E."--Page 1.

Willow, Wine, Mirror, Moon Aug 03 2020 This collection of 106 poems by 44 female Tang-era poets is the most comprehensive of its kind. Poets are organized based on their status in Tang dynasty society: women of the court, women of the household, courtesans and entertainers, and women of religion. While each poet's concerns vary with their social status, common thematic threads include heartbreak and the mysteries of the natural world. Thumbnail biographies of each poet and notes regarding individual poems complete this important collection. Jeanne Larsen has published poetry, three novels set in China, and a book of poetry translation, *Brocade River Poems: Selected Works of the Tang Dynasty Courtesan Xue Tao*. She teaches in the creative writing program at Hollins University in Roanoke, Virginia.

Brocade River Poems Jan 20 2022 Xue Tao (A.D. 768-831) was well known as a poet in an age when all men of learning were poets--and almost all women were illiterate. As an entertainer and official government hostess, she met, and impressed, many of the most talented and powerful figures of her day. As a maker of beautiful paper and a Taoist churchwoman, she maintained a life of independence and aesthetic sensibility. As a writer, she created a body of work that is by turns deeply moving, amusing, and thought-provoking. Drawing knowledgeably on a rich literary

tradition, she created images that here live again for the contemporary reader of English. This bilingual edition contains about two-thirds of Xue Tao's extant poems. The translations are based on accurate readings of the originals and extensive research in both Chinese and Japanese materials. The notes at the end of the book explain allusions and place the poems in the context of medieval Chinese culture and its great literary heritage, while the opening essay introduces Xue Tao's work and describes her unusual life history.

China's Cosmopolitan Empire Oct 17 2021 The Tang dynasty is often called China's "golden age," a period of commercial, religious, and cultural connections from Korea and Japan to the Persian Gulf, and a time of unsurpassed literary creativity. Mark Lewis captures a dynamic era in which the empire reached its greatest geographical extent under Chinese rule, painting and ceramic arts flourished, women played a major role both as rulers and in the economy, and China produced its finest lyric poets in Wang Wei, Li Bo, and Du Fu.

Chinese History 7 Dec 07 2020 The Tang Dynasty (618-907 CE) succeeded the short-lived Sui Dynasty (581-618 CE). The new dynasty was a very important Chinese dynasty that was founded by Li Yuan (with Chang'an as the capital) after overthrowing the Sui Dynasty. In fact, the Tang Empire was one of the most powerful countries in the world at that time. The Tang Dynasty had 21 emperors and ruled China for nearly 290 years. Due to its immense contribution to China's growth and development, the Tang Dynasty period is often termed as China's golden age. The book, *Chinese History 7*, a Chinese reading practice book, presents a broad and simple overview of China's Tang Dynasty and its legacies. The volume, 17th in the Mandarin Chinese Reading Series, includes both the Chinese text (simplified characters) and pinyin. With about 900 unique Chinese characters, the volume would be suitable for the beginners, lower intermediate and advanced level Chinese language learners (HSK 1-6). Overall, the Mandarin Chinese Reading Series offers you a variety of elementary level books (Level 1/2/3) to learn Chinese culture as well as practice Chinese reading fast. Paperback Edition:

<https://www.amazon.com/dp/1676157182> Kindle Edition:

<https://www.amazon.com/dp/B082TN347R> The book has 11 chapters in the following order: Chapter 1: The Sui Dynasty (隋朝) Chapter 2: Overview of the Tang Dynasty (唐朝) Chapter 3: List of Emperors of the Tang Dynasty (唐朝皇帝) Chapter 4: Emperor Gaozu and the Establishment of Tang Dynasty (高祖建唐) Chapter 5: Emperor Taizong (太宗) Chapter 6: Empress Wu Zetian (武则天) Chapter 7: Tang Xuanzong and Yang Guifei (玄宗与杨贵妃) Chapter 8: The Fall of the Tang Dynasty (唐朝的灭亡) Chapter 9: Tang Culture (唐朝文化) Chapter 10: Buddhism (佛教) Chapter 11: Tang Dynasty Poets (唐朝诗人)

Tang Dynasty Tales Sep 16 2021 The book provides the most up-to-date and comprehensive survey of the genre of Tang tales in English, including discussions of the numerous Chinese studies from the last decade. *Tang Tales* itself contains the first annotated translations of these famous stories, which are deciphered and interpreted specifically for students and scholars interested in the medieval Chinese literature. Following the model of intertextual readings employed by Glen Dudbridge in *The Tale of Li Wa* (Oxford, 1983), the annotation points to the resonances to the classical texts; the translator's notes following each translation then explain how these references expand the meaning of the text. In addition to six translations of the major tales (chuanqi, "transmitting the strange"), there is also a rendition of a fantastic tale by Liu Zongyuan, suggesting close ties with popular and oral literature. The appended glossary of terms marks the first attempt to create such a reference for readers and scholars of Tang tales that will be of use in reading other tales as well. The meticulous scholarship of this book elevates it above all existing collections of these stories, and the inclusion of the standard introduction to the Tang tales for graduate students and researchers engenders a deeper appreciation.

China during the Tang-Song Interregnum, 878–978 Jul 14 2021 This book challenges the long-established structure of Chinese history around dynasties, adopting a more "organic" approach which emphasises cultural and economic trends that transcend arbitrary dynastic boundaries. It argues that with the collapse of the Tang court and northern control over the holistic empire in the last decades of the ninth century, the now-autonomous kingdoms that filled the political vacuum in the south responded with a burst of innovative energy that helped set the stage for the economic and cultural transformations of the following Song dynasty. Moreover, it argues that these transformations and this economic and cultural innovation deeply affected the subsequent model of holistic empire which continues right up to the present and that therefore the interregnum century of division left a critically important legacy.

Court Art of the Tang May 24 2022 This text deals with Chinese art during the Tang Dynasty, from 618 to 907. It presents the artistic findings from the last ten years of archaeological excavation in China--findings that have never before been published in the West. *Court Art of the Tang* reveals the magnificence of Tang art through the presentation of ceramics, wall paintings, and utensils made of gold, silver, bronze, and porcelain. The book aims to place these new materials in their artistic and historical context. It structures the new findings in chronological order, using culture and history as a background. The study treats each class of art separately and distinctly, exploring the aesthetic evolution of both secular and religious art. Relevant literary expressions incorporated into the discussions make *Court Art of the Tang* an especially unique work. The book gives readers a comprehensive and diverse look at the glorious and extraordinary achievements of a ruling family. The book consists of 233 pages of text, a bibliography and an index, a glossary, and 117 illustrations. *Court Art of the Tang* will provide insightful reading for art collectors and museum-goers and serve as an important text in Asian Studies Departments and in courses in the arts of China. Contents: List of Illustrations; Preface; Acknowledgements; Introduction; Early Tang 618-712; Middle Tang 712-805; Late Tang 805-907; Conclusion; Illustrations; Glossary; Bibliography; Index.

City of Marvel and Transformation Jan 28 2020 During the Tang dynasty, the imperial capital of Chang'an (present-day Xi'an) was unrivaled in its monumental scale, with about one million inhabitants dwelling within its walls. It was there that one of the most enduring cultural and political institutions of the empire—the civil service examinations—took shape, bringing an unprecedented influx of literati men to the city seeking recognition and official status by demonstrating their literary talent. To these examination candidates, Chang'an was a megalopolis, career launch pad, and most importantly, cultural paradigm. As a multifaceted lived space, it captured the imaginations of Tang writers, shaped their future aspirations, and left discernible traces in the writings of this period. *City of Marvel and Transformation* brings this cityscape to life together with the mindscape of its sojourner-writers. By analyzing narratives of experience with a distinctive metropolitan consciousness, it retrieves lost connections between senses of the self and a sense of place. Each chapter takes up one of the powerful shaping forces of Chang'an: its siren call as a destination; the unforeseen nooks and crannies of its urban space; its potential as a "media machine" to broadcast images and reputations; its demimonde—a city within a city where both literary culture and commerce took center stage. Without being limited to any single genre, specific movement, or individual author, the texts examined in this book highlight aspects of Chang'an as a shared and contested space in the collective imagination. They bring to our attention a newly emerged interval of social, existential, and geographical mobility in the lives of educated men, who as aspirants and routine capital-bound travelers learned to negotiate urban space. Both literary study and cultural history, *City of Marvel and Transformation* goes beyond close readings of

text; it also draws productively from research in urban history, anthropology, and studies of space and place, building upon the theoretical frameworks of scholars such as Michel de Certeau, Henri Lefebvre, and Victor Turner. It is a welcome addition to the growing body of scholarship in Chinese studies on the importance of cities and city life. Students and scholars of premodern China will find new ways to understand the collective concerns of the lettered class, as well as new ways to understand literary phenomena that would eventually influence vernacular tales and the Chinese novel. By asking larger questions about how urban sojourns shape subjectivity and perceptions, this book will also attract a wide range of readers interested in studies of personhood, spatial practice, and cities as living cultural systems in flux, both ancient and modern.

China's Golden Age Aug 27 2022 In this fascinating and detailed profile, Benn paints a vivid picture of life in the Tang Dynasty (618-907), traditionally regarded as the golden age of China. 40 line illustrations.

Ethnic Identity in Tang China Sep 28 2022 Ethnic Identity in Tang China is the first work in any language to explore comprehensively the construction of ethnicity during the dynasty that reigned over China for roughly three centuries, from 618 to 907. Often viewed as one of the most cosmopolitan regimes in China's past, the Tang had roots in Inner Asia, and its rulers continued to have complex relationships with a population that included Turks, Tibetans, Japanese, Koreans, Southeast Asians, Persians, and Arabs. Marc S. Abramson's rich portrait of this complex, multiethnic empire draws on political writings, religious texts, and other cultural artifacts, as well as comparative examples from other empires and frontiers. Abramson argues that various constituencies, ranging from Confucian elites to Buddhist monks to "barbarian" generals, sought to define ethnic boundaries for various reasons but often in part out of discomfort with the ambiguity of their own ethnic and cultural identity. The Tang court, meanwhile, alternately sought to absorb some alien populations to preserve the empire's integrity while seeking to preserve the ethnic distinctiveness of other groups whose particular skills it valued. Abramson demonstrates how the Tang era marked a key shift in definitions of China and the Chinese people, a shift that ultimately laid the foundation for the emergence of the modern Chinese nation. Ethnic Identity in Tang China sheds new light on one of the most important periods in Chinese history. It also offers broader insights on East Asian and Inner Asian history, the history of ethnicity, and the comparative history of frontiers and empires.

Book of (Old and New) Tang Dynasty Apr 30 2020 The Twenty-Four Histories (Chinese: 二十四史) are the Chinese official historical books covering a period from 3000 BC to the Ming dynasty in the 17th century. The Han dynasty official Sima Qian established many of the conventions of the genre. Starting with the Tang dynasty, each dynasty established an official office to write the history of its predecessor using official court records. As fixed and edited in the Qing dynasty, the whole set contains 3213 volumes and about 40 million words. It is considered one of the most important sources on Chinese history and culture. The title "Twenty-Four Histories" dates from 1775 which was the 40th year in the reign of the Qianlong Emperor. This was when the last volume, the History of Ming was reworked and a complete set of the histories produced. The Twenty Four Histories include: •Early Four Historiographies (四史) •Records of the Grand Historian (史記, Shǐ Jì), compiled by Sima Qian 司馬遷 in 91 BC •Book of Han (漢書, Hànn Shū), compiled by Ban Gu 班固 in 82 •Records of the Three Kingdoms (三國志, Sānguó Zhì), compiled by Chen Shou 陳壽 in 289 •Book of Later Han (後漢書, Hòuhàn Shū), compiled by Fan Ye 范曄 in 445[2] •Book of Song (simplified Chinese: 宋史; traditional Chinese: 宋史; pinyin: Sòng Shū)—Southern Dynasties, compiled by Shen Yue 沈約 in 488 •Book of Qi (simplified Chinese: 齊史; traditional Chinese: 齊史; pinyin: Qí Shū)—Southern Dynasties, compiled by Xiao Zixian 蕭子顯 in 537 •Book of Wei (simplified Chinese: 魏史; traditional Chinese: 魏史; pinyin: Wèi Shū)—Northern Dynasties, compiled by Wei Shou 魏收 in 554 •Eight

Historiographies compiled in Tang Dynasty (唐朝) •Book of Liang (梁, Liáng Shū)—Southern Dynasties, compiled by Yao Silian 姚思廉 in 636 •Book of Chen (陳, Chén Shū)—Southern Dynasties, compiled by Yao Silian in 636 •Book of Northern Qi (北齊, Běi Qí Shū)—Northern Dynasties, compiled by Li Baiyao 李百药 in 636 •Book of Zhou (周, Zhōu Shū)—Northern Dynasties, compiled under Linghu Defen 凌胡德芬 in 636 •Book of Sui (隋, Suí Shū), compiled under Wei Zheng 魏徵 in 636 •Book of Jin (晉, Jìn Shū), compiled under Fang Xuanling 房玄龄 in 648 •History of the Southern Dynasties (南史, Nán Shǐ), compiled by Li Yanshou 李延寿 in 659 •History of the Northern Dynasties (北史, Běi Shǐ), compiled by Li Yanshou in 659 •Old Book of Tang (舊唐, Táng Shū), compiled under Liu Xu 劉煦 in 945 •Old History of the Five Dynasties (舊五代, Wǔdài Shǐ), compiled under Xue Juzheng 薛居正 in 974 •New History of the Five Dynasties (新五代, Xīn Wǔdài Shǐ), compiled under Ouyang Xiu 歐陽修 in 1053 •New Book of Tang (新唐, Xīn Táng Shū), compiled under Ouyang Xiu in 1060 •Three Historiographies compiled in Yuan Dynasty (元史) •History of Liao (遼, Liáo Shǐ), compiled under Toqto'a 托克托 in 1343[3] •History of Jin (金, Jīn Shǐ), compiled under Toqto'a in 1345 •History of Song (宋, Sòng Shǐ), compiled under Toqto'a in 1345 •History of Yuan (元, Yuán Shǐ), compiled under Song Lian 宋廉 in 1370 •History of Ming (明, Míng Shǐ), compiled under Zhang Tingyu 張廷玉 in 1739

China's Southern Tang Dynasty, 937-976 Nov 06 2020 The Southern Tang was one of China's minor dynasties and one of the great states in China in the tenth century. Although often regarded as one of several states preceding the much better known Song dynasty (960-1279), the Southern Tang dynasty was in fact the key state in this period, preserving cultural values and artefacts from the former great Tang dynasty (618-907) which were to form the basis of Song rule, and thereby presenting the Song with a direct link to the Tang and its traditions. Drawing mainly on primary Chinese sources, this is the first book in English to provide a comprehensive overview of the Southern Tang, and full coverage of military, cultural and political history in the period. It focuses on a successful, albeit short-lived, attempt to set up an independent regional state in the modern provinces of Jiangxi and Jiangsu, and establishes the Southern Tang dynasty in its own right. It follows the rise of the Southern Tang state to become the predominant claimant of the Tang heritage and the expansionist policies of the second ruler culminating in the occupation and annexation of the two of the Southern Tang's neighbours, Min (Fujian) and Chu (Hunan). Finally the narrative describes the decline of the dynasty under its last ruler, the famous poet Li Yu, and its ultimate surrender to the Song dynasty.

Ancient China Dec 19 2021 "This fascinating and accessible text by Maurizio Scarpari, accompanied by over 400 illustrations and photographs, places those finds in context, recounting the amazing history of the civilization and culture of ancient China from the Neolithic Age through the Bronze Age to the period of the Empire, which began with the short-lived Qin dynasty and reached the height of its glory under the Han, and later the Tang dynasties. In addition to the dynastic histories, various aspects of everyday life and social organization, from religious beliefs to politics, from ethics to entertainment, from family to war, are analyzed and explained." -- Book jacket.

Tang China And The Collapse Of The Uighur Empire Nov 18 2021 This book considers the Tang response to the collapse of the Uighur steppe empire in 840 C.E. and the large number of refugees who fled to China's northern frontier. It examines the workings of late Tang bureaucracy through translations of some seventy relevant Chinese documents.

The Writing of Official History Under the T'ang Dec 27 2019 This book describes the selection, processing and editing of material for an authorized history of the T'ang.

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Critical Readings on Tang China Sep 23 2019 The Tang dynasty, lasting from 618 to 907, was the high point of medieval Chinese history, featuring unprecedented achievements in governmental organization, economic and territorial expansion, literature, the arts, and religion. Many Tang practices continued, with various developments, to influence Chinese society for the next thousand years. For these and other reasons the Tang has been a key focus of Western sinologists. This volume presents English-language reprints of fifty-seven critical studies of the Tang, in the three general categories of political history, literature and cultural history, and religion. The articles and book chapters included here are important scholarly benchmarks that will serve as the starting-point for anyone interested in the study of medieval China.

Daily Life in Traditional China Jun 25 2022 Enter the golden age of Chinese culture and explore the everyday lives of its people.

Rise of the Tang Dynasty Feb 21 2022 Julian Romane examines the military events behind the emergence of the Sui and Tang dynasties in the period 581-626 AD. Narrating the campaigns and battles, he analyses in detail the strategy and tactics employed, a central theme being the collision of the steppe cavalry with Chinese infantry armies. By the fourth century AD, horse nomads had seized northern China. Conflict with these Turkic interlopers continued throughout the 5th and most of the 6th century. The emergence of the Sui dynasty (581-618) brought some progress but internal weakness led to their rapid collapse. The succeeding House of Tang, however, provided the necessary stability and leadership to underpin military success. This was largely the achievement of Li Shimin, who later became the second Tang Emperor. By the start of Li Shimin's reign as Emperor Tang Taizong, effective military organizations had been developed and China reunified. His military campaigns are examples of tactical and strategic virtuosity that demonstrate the application of the distinctive Chinese way of war expounded in Chinese military manuals, including Li Shimin's own writings.

A Study of Criminal Proceeding Conventions in Tang Dynasty Oct 05 2020

The Poetics of Sovereignty Jul 26 2022 Emperor Taizong (r. 626-49) of the Tang is remembered as an exemplary ruler. This study addresses that aura of virtuous sovereignty and Taizong's construction of a reputation for moral rulership through his own literary writings—with particular attention to his poetry. The author highlights the relationship between historiography and the literary and rhetorical strategies of sovereignty, contending that, for Taizong, and for the concept of sovereignty in general, politics is inextricable from cultural production. The work focuses on Taizong's literary writings that speak directly to the relationship between cultural form and sovereign power, as well as on the question of how the Tang negotiated dynastic identity through literary stylistics. The author maintains

that Taizong's writings may have been self-serving at times, representing strategic attempts to control his self-image in the eyes of his court and empire, but that they also become the ideal image to which his self was normatively bound. This is the paradox at the heart of imperial authorship: Taizong was simultaneously the author of his representation and was authored by his representation; he was both subject and object of his writings.

Essays on Tang and Pre-Tang China Jul 02 2020 This first volume of studies by Professor Pulleyblank opens with an abridged version of his inaugural lecture at Cambridge, on Chinese history and world history. The next pieces look at the historiography of Tang China, and more broadly at Chinese attitudes to the writing of history and the critical methods that were employed. The An Lushan rebellion (755CE) forms an important focal point in the book, with studies on the racial background of the rebel and the impact of the rebellion on governmental systems, as well as on the intellectual history of the period. A further article examines the system of population registration in Tang China and its bearing on the interpretation of population statistics, while the final item goes outside the Tang to discuss the origins and role of slavery as a legal institution in China.

Women of the Tang Dynasty Feb 09 2021 Women in Tang society enjoyed experimenting with ways to enhance their charms. Not only enthusiastically adopting fashion styles of foreigners who thronged the capital of Chang'an, they were also some of the earliest cross-dressers in history. Through a close-up look at excavated pottery figures and surviving gold and silver objects, a picture emerges of a remarkably open society in which women took an active part. The Close-Up series is the very first of its kind to give you a fascinating, concise introduction to individual aspects of China and its peoples, past and present. Each topic is presented by chosen experts in their fields who write with brevity for the intelligent reader. Illuminating text is supported by the work of international photographers and with maps and diagrams to give a picture that satisfies curiosity and encourages further reading.

The Assassin Aug 15 2021 The Assassin tells the story of a swordswoman who refrains from killing. Hou Hsiao-hsien astonishes his audience once again by upsetting almost every convention of the wuxia (martial arts) genre in the film. This collection offers eleven readings, each as original and thought-provoking as the film itself, beginning with one given by the director himself. Contributors analyze the elliptical way of storytelling, Hou's adaptation of the source text (a tale from the Tang dynasty, also included in this volume), the film's appropriation of traditional Chinese visual aesthetics, as well as the concept of xia (knight-errant) that is embedded in Confucian, Daoist, and Buddhist worldviews. There are also discussions of the much-celebrated sonic design of The Assassin: the nearly exclusive use of a diegetic filmscore is a statement on the director's belief in cinematic reality. Underlying all the chapters is a focus on how Hou reinvents Tang-dynasty China in contemporary culture. The meticulously recreated everyday reality of the Tang world in the film highlights the ethnic and cultural diversity of the dynasty. It was a time when Sogdian traders acted as important intermediaries between Central Asia and the Tang court, and as a result Sogdian culture permeated the society. Taking note of the vibrant hybridity of Tang culture in the film, this volume shows that the historical openness to non-Chinese elements is in fact an essential part of the Chineseness expressed in Hou's work. The Assassin is a gateway to the remote Tang-dynasty world, but in Hou's hands the concerns of that premodern world turn out to be highly relevant to the world of the audience. "This book promises to be a useful companion to the film The Assassin. Contributors to this collection have convincingly and compellingly elucidated some of the film's most difficult features. The result is a rich and wide-ranging analysis of one of the most beautiful films of our time." –Sung-Sheng Yvonne Chang, The University of Texas at Austin "This collection of essays unfolds the many layers of The Assassin

by speaking to its aesthetic achievements, reinvention of genre conventions, deep historical engagement, and philosophical substance. It exceeds the sum of its individual parts by building a vibrant cross-disciplinary conversation among a diverse group of accomplished scholars, who contribute original and compelling insights on the film.” –Jean Ma, Stanford University

History of South Dynasty Sep 04 2020 The Twenty-Four Histories (Chinese: 二十四史) are the Chinese official historical books covering a period from 3000 BC to the Ming dynasty in the 17th century. The Han dynasty official Sima Qian established many of the conventions of the genre. Starting with the Tang dynasty, each dynasty established an official office to write the history of its predecessor using official court records. As fixed and edited in the Qing dynasty, the whole set contains 3213 volumes and about 40 million words. It is considered one of the most important sources on Chinese history and culture. The title "Twenty-Four Histories" dates from 1775 which was the 40th year in the reign of the Qianlong Emperor. This was when the last volume, the History of Ming was reworked and a complete set of the histories produced. The Twenty Four Histories include: •Early Four Historiographies (四史) •Records of the Grand Historian (史記, Shǐ Jì), compiled by Sima Qian 司馬遷 in 91 BC •Book of Han (漢書, Hàn Shū), compiled by Ban Gu 班固 in 82 •Records of the Three Kingdoms (三國志, Sānguó Zhì), compiled by Chen Shou 陳壽 in 289 •Book of Later Han (後漢書, Hòuhàn Shū), compiled by Fan Ye 范曄 in 445[2] •Book of Song (simplified Chinese: 宋史; traditional Chinese: 宋史; pinyin: Sòng Shǐ)–Southern Dynasties, compiled by Shen Yue 沈約 in 488 •Book of Qi (simplified Chinese: 齊書; traditional Chinese: 齊書; pinyin: Qí Shū)–Southern Dynasties, compiled by Xiao Zixian 蕭子顯 in 537 •Book of Wei (simplified Chinese: 魏書; traditional Chinese: 魏書; pinyin: Wèi Shū)–Northern Dynasties, compiled by Wei Shou 魏收 in 554 •Eight Historiographies compiled in Tang Dynasty (八史) •Book of Liang (梁書, Liáng Shū)–Southern Dynasties, compiled by Yao Silian 姚思廉 in 636 •Book of Chen (陳書, Chén Shū)–Southern Dynasties, compiled by Yao Silian in 636 •Book of Northern Qi (北齊書, Běi Qí Shū)–Northern Dynasties, compiled by Li Baiyao 李百藥 in 636 •Book of Zhou (周書, Zhōu Shū)–Northern Dynasties, compiled under Linghu Defen 凌煙 in 636 •Book of Sui (隋書, Suí Shū), compiled under Wei Zheng 魏徵 in 636 •Book of Jin (晉書, Jìn Shū), compiled under Fang Xuanling 房玄齡 in 648 •History of the Southern Dynasties (南史, Nán Shǐ), compiled by Li Yanshou 李延壽 in 659 •History of the Northern Dynasties (北史, Běi Shǐ), compiled by Li Yanshou in 659 •Old Book of Tang (舊唐書, Jiùtáng Shū), compiled under Liu Xu 劉昫 in 945 •Old History of the Five Dynasties (舊五代史, Jiùwǔdài Shǐ), compiled under Xue Juzheng 薛居正 in 974 •New History of the Five Dynasties (新五代史, Xīnwǔdài Shǐ), compiled under Ouyang Xiu 歐陽修 in 1053 •New Book of Tang (新唐書, Xīntáng Shū), compiled under Ouyang Xiu in 1060 •Three Historiographies compiled in Yuan Dynasty (三史) •History of Liao (遼史, Liáo Shǐ), compiled under Toqto'a 托克托 in 1343[3] •History of Jin (金史, Jīn Shǐ), compiled under Toqto'a in 1345 •History of Song (宋史, Sòng Shǐ), compiled under Toqto'a in 1345 •History of Yuan (元史, Yuán Shǐ), compiled under Song Lian 宋廉 in 1370 •History of Ming (明史, Míng Shǐ), compiled under Zhang Tingyu 張廷玉 in 1739

Division to Unification in Imperial China Jul 22 2019 The second volume in this fun, comic-style series that explores China's transition from the Three Kingdoms to the Tang Dynasty.

Imperial Tombs in Tang China, 618-907 Jan 08 2021 Intellectually and visually stimulating, this important landmark book looks at the religious, political, social and artistic significance of the Imperial tombs of the Tang Dynasty (618-907 AD). It traces the evolutionary development of the most elaborately beautiful imperial tombs to examine fundamental issues on death and the afterlife in one of the world's most sophisticated civilizations. Selected tombs are presented in terms of their structure, artistic programs and their purposes. The author sets the tombs in the context of Chinese attitudes towards the afterlife, the politics of mausoleum architecture, and the artistic vocabulary which was becoming the mainstream of

Chinese civilization.

The Urban Life of the Tang Dynasty Oct 29 2022 This revealing book paints a vivid picture of life in the Tang Dynasty's capital city Chang'an, as well as the key cities of Luoyang and Yangzhou. To understand Chinese history and society, the eye must be focused on the cities, and this book draws a panoramic picture of the urban politics, economy, culture, religion, and customs to help the reader better understand ancient and modern China. The Urban Life of the Tang Dynasty provides an insight into the four fundamental characteristics of Chinese life in this historical period (618-907): openness, knowledge and skills, internationalization, and the bold and unrestrained lifestyles led by certain sections of society within these key urban centers. (Series: Insight on Ancient China)

The Sound of the Tang Dynasty Jun 13 2021 The Sound of Tang Poetry is compilation of 102 lovingly translated, timeless and quiescent poems. Poetry of the Tang period fusing aesthetics, history and philosophy - at once evocative of ancient Chinese culture and deeply relevant to contemporary concepts of beauty and nature, where less written reveals more. Rare is the Chinese person, today or in history, who cannot recite lines from Tang poems and whose life has not been influenced by the words of great poets, such as; Wang Wei, Li Bai, or Tu Fu. Indeed, the Chinese often see the world and others through the eyes of these poets... This volume belongs in the libraries of all poetry lovers. NB, poems are in English and original Mandarin script.

Arts of the Tang Court Jun 01 2020 The Tang dynasty (AD 618-907) is known as China's golden age, celebrated for the enlightened government of its rulers, its openness to outside influences, and its varied and magnificent works of art. This book brings together in one volume the most important artistic accomplishments of the age. A sketch of the dynasty's political and social history is followed by chapters illustrating the development of ceramics, the production of gold and silver, and the increasing sophistication of Tang painters and sculptors. Discussions of religious and funerary art complete the portrait of the era. Most striking in the Tang style is a heightened naturalism that conveys a poignancy and complexity unmatched in earlier times. Evocative and enchanting, the arts of the Tang reach across the centuries bringing alive one of the world's great cultures at its finest hour.

Communication, Civilization and China Apr 23 2022 Referencing more than 40 ancient works as well as 70 books and papers of contemporary scholars, this book opens up the civilization, society, culture and communication of the Tang Dynasty. The Tang period represented unprecedented prosperity in the ancient world. Combining the socio-cultural background of ancient China and academic achievements of modern times, this book presents an intensive and in-depth exploration of the communicative organisations, methods and ideas of that period. The book looks at Tang methods of communication, from the postal delivery system and first newspaper to military communication in times of peace and war. It also considers questions of literature, poetry and public space as well as the impact of folk culture and communication on the Tang Dynasty, and examines the intellectual atmosphere of the time and debates surrounding freedom of speech and thought, positioning the Tang Dynasty as the end of the classic world and the beginning of modern society.

Rise of the Tang Dynasty Mar 22 2022 Julian Romane examines the military events behind the emergence of the Sui and Tang dynasties in the period 581-626 AD. Narrating the campaigns and battles, he analyses in detail the strategy and tactics employed, a central theme being the collision of the steppe cavalry with Chinese infantry armies. By the fourth century AD, horse nomads had seized northern China. Conflict with these Turkic interlopers continued throughout the 5th and most of the 6th century. The emergence of the Sui dynasty (581-618) brought some progress but internal weakness led to their rapid collapse. The succeeding House of Tang, however, provided the necessary stability and leadership to underpin military

success. This was largely the achievement of Li Shimin, who later became the second Tang Emperor. By the start of Li Shimin's reign as Emperor Tang Taizong, effective military organizations had been developed and China reunified. His military campaigns are examples of tactical and strategic virtuosity that demonstrate the application of the distinctive Chinese way of war expounded in Chinese military manuals, including Li Shimin's own writings.

Biographical Dictionary of Tang Dynasty Literati Mar 10 2021 Many regard the Tang Dynasty (618-907 CE) as the most important era for classical Chinese poetry, with around fifty thousand poems from the period surviving to the modern era. The great poets--Li Bo, Wang Wei, Du Fu, Bo--all lived in the Tang Dynasty. Meticulously researched and featuring many examples of their writings, the Biographical Dictionary of Tang Dynasty Literati presents 139 biographies of classical Chinese poets. Compiled by award-winner author William H. Nienhauser, Jr., and Michael E. Naparstek, this book is the first comprehensive dictionary of writers during the Tang dynasty. In addition to individual entries, it includes an overview of Tang literature, a literary timeline of the Tang, and an explanation of official titles and ranks, making it an indispensable resource for anyone interested in classical Chinese poetry.

From Warhorses to Ploughshares Mar 30 2020 Mingzong (r. 926–33) was the most illustrious emperor of the Five Dynasties, and one of the most admired of China's middle period, the Tang to Song. A warrior of Shatuo-Turk ancestry, he ascended the throne of the Later Tang on the heels of a mutiny against his adopted brother, thus sparing his dynasty an early death. Mingzong's brief reign came to be heralded by historians as the "Small Repose"—a happy convergence of peace and prosperity. He marshaled a cluster of eminently able courtiers, men who balanced Confucian charity against the military discipline demanded in a time of transition. These years were marked by trade with bordering states, frenzied diplomatic activity, and a succession of defections from states to the north. Mingzong wisely eschewed military conflict, except as a last resort. Conservative in moral and legal matters, he introduced radical economic reforms that included deregulation of traditional monopolies and timely changes to the tributary system. Drawing extensively on primary sources, including Mingzong's spirited correspondence with his officials, this political and cultural biography brings to life a charismatic emperor who was held up as a model ruler by succeeding generations. "In this evocative and fascinating study of the Later Tang emperor Mingzong, Richard Davis has brilliantly illuminated a little known and even less understood period of Chinese history, the interval between the unified Tang empire and the Song dynasty when native Chinese and Shatuo Turkish peoples worked together to transform the politics and culture of North China. It is a delight to read a historian who is a master of his sources and at the top of his craft." —Robin D. S. Yates, McGill University "The political history of the early tenth century is not for the faint of heart. Shatuo Turks, Kitans, and Han Chinese, from aspirants to the throne, to surrogate sons, generals, mutineers, and courtiers were all maneuvering for advantage as circumstances constantly shifted. Richard Davis, by focusing on one of the Shatuo rulers, helps us understand the many challenges facing would-be reunifiers of China." —Patricia Ebrey, University of Washington "This is a fascinating portrait of a man who contrived in his way to be a good ruler and was to die of natural causes in an age when life was for most in China nasty, brutish and all too short, and who, moreover, by instituting the preservation of the Chinese heritage through printing transformed the Chinese world for ever after." —T. H. Barrett, SOAS, University of London

Gender, Power, and Talent Aug 23 2019 During the Tang dynasty (618–907), changes in political policies, the religious landscape, and gender relations opened the possibility for Daoist women to play an unprecedented role in religious and public life. Women, from imperial princesses to the daughters of commoner families, could

be ordained as Daoist priestesses and become religious leaders, teachers, and practitioners in their own right. Some achieved remarkable accomplishments: one wrote and transmitted texts on meditation and inner cultivation; another, a physician, authored a treatise on therapeutic methods, medical theory, and longevity techniques. Priestess-poets composed major works, and talented priestess-artists produced stunning calligraphy. In *Gender, Power, and Talent*, Jinhua Jia draws on a wealth of previously untapped sources to explain how Daoist priestesses distinguished themselves as a distinct gendered religious and social group. She describes the life journey of priestesses from palace women to abbesses and ordinary practitioners, touching on their varied reasons for entering the Daoist orders, the role of social and religious institutions, forms of spiritual experience, and the relationships between gendered identities and cultural representations. Jia takes the reader inside convents and cloisters, demonstrating how they functioned both as a female space for self-determination and as a public platform for both religious and social spheres. The first comprehensive study of the lives and roles of Daoist priestesses in Tang China, *Gender, Power, and Talent* restores women to the landscape of Chinese religion and literature and proposes new methodologies for the growing field of gender and religion.

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