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Dividing the Spoils - Robin Waterfield
2012-10-11

The story of the wars that led to the break-up of Alexander the Great's vast empire after his death in 323 BC and the brilliant cultural developments which accompanied this birth of a new world.

Alexander the Great - Philip Freeman
2011-10-18

An authoritative and dramatic portrait set against a backdrop of the war-torn Greek empire draws on extensive research to cover such topics as Alexander's military prowess, premature death and inspiration to subsequent historical conquerors.

The Hellenistic Age - Peter Green 2008-05-13
The Hellenistic era witnessed the overlap of antiquity's two great Western civilizations, the Greek and the Roman. This was the epoch of Alexander's vast expansion of the Greco-Macedonian world, the rise and fall of his successors' major dynasties in Egypt and Asia, and, ultimately, the establishment of Rome as the first Mediterranean superpower. The Hellenistic Age chronicles the years 336 to 30 BCE, from the days of Philip and Alexander of Macedon to the death of Cleopatra and the final triumph of Caesar's heir, the young Augustus. Peter Green's remarkably far-ranging study covers the prevalent themes and events of those centuries: the Hellenization of an immense swath of the known world—from Egypt to India—by Alexander's conquests; the lengthy and chaotic partition of this empire by rival

Macedonian marshals after Alexander's death; the decline of the polis (city state) as the predominant political institution; and, finally, Rome's moment of transition from republican to imperial rule. Predictably, this is a story of war and power-politics, and of the developing fortunes of art, science, and statecraft in the areas where Alexander's coming disseminated Hellenic culture. It is a rich narrative tapestry of warlords, libertines, philosophers, courtesans and courtiers, dramatists, historians, scientists, merchants, mercenaries, and provocateurs of every stripe, spun by an accomplished classicist with an uncanny knack for infusing life into the distant past, and applying fresh insights that make ancient history seem alarmingly relevant to our own times. To consider the three centuries prior to the dawn of the common era in a single short volume demands a scholar with a great command of both subject and narrative line. The Hellenistic Age is that rare book that manages to coalesce a broad spectrum of events, persons, and themes into one brief, indispensable, and amazingly accessible survey.

Soldier, Priest, and God - F. S. Naiden 2019
"This is the first life of Alexander the Great to explore his religious experience, to put his experience in Egypt and Asia on a par with his Macedonian upbringing and Greek education, and to explain how the European conqueror became a Moslem saint"--

Ghost on the Throne - James Romm 2012-11-13
When Alexander the Great died at the age of thirty-two, his empire stretched from the

Adriatic Sea in the west all the way to modern-day India in the east. In an unusual compromise, his two heirs—a mentally damaged half brother, Philip III, and an infant son, Alexander IV, born after his death—were jointly granted the kingship. But six of Alexander's Macedonian generals, spurred by their own thirst for power and the legend that Alexander bequeathed his rule "to the strongest," fought to gain supremacy. Perhaps their most fascinating and conniving adversary was Alexander's former Greek secretary, Eumenes, now a general himself, who would be the determining factor in the precarious fortunes of the royal family. James Romm, professor of classics at Bard College, brings to life the cutthroat competition and the struggle for control of the Greek world's greatest empire.

By the Spear - Ian Worthington 2014

Looks at the relationship between Philip II and his son, Alexander the Great, and their roles in the rise of the Macedonian empire.

[Alexander the Great](#) - Peter Chrisp 2000

Provides an in-depth look at the life and accomplishments of Macedonia's great Warrior King, enhanced with cross-sections, exploded views, and more.

Fire from Heaven - Mary Renault 2013-09-10

New York Times Bestseller and Man Booker Prize Finalist: A novel of ancient Greece by the author Hilary Mantel calls "a shining light." Alexander the Great stands alone as a leader and strategist, and *Fire from Heaven* is Mary Renault's unsurpassed dramatization of the formative years of his life. His parents fight for their precocious son's love: On one side, his volatile father, Philip, and on the other, his overbearing mother, Olympias. The story tells of the conqueror's two great bonds—to his horse, Oxhead, and to his dearest friend and eventual lover, Hephaestion—and of the army he commands when he is barely an adult. Coming of age during the battles for southern Greece, Alexander the Great appears in all of his colors—as the man who first takes someone's life at age twelve and who swiftly eliminates his rivals as soon as he comes to power—and emerges as a captivating, complex, larger-than-life figure. *Fire from Heaven* is the first volume of the *Novels of Alexander the Great* trilogy, which continues with *The Persian Boy* and

Funeral Games. This ebook features an illustrated biography of Mary Renault including rare images of the author. "Mary Renault is a shining light to both historical novelists and their readers. She does not pretend the past is like the present, or that the people of ancient Greece were just like us. She shows us their strangeness; discerning, sure-footed, challenging our values, piquing our curiosity, she leads us through an alien landscape that moves and delights us." —Hilary Mantel

[Alexander the Great](#) - Alan Fildes 2004

In a year-by-year chronicle, this book presents an intimate and fascinating portrait of the man who created the greatest empire the world had ever seen. 120 color illustrations.

Alexander the Great - Sean Patrick 2013-05-13

If you want to learn about one of history's greatest military commanders and uncover some of his secrets of drive—drive that enabled him and his small army to first subdue all of Greece and then the mighty Persian Empire—then you want to read this book. Some people like to think that geniuses are so inherently extraordinary that they navigate their journeys with clairvoyant ease. This simply isn't true.

Greatness does not come lightly. It requires that you make sacrifices of time, interests, and—sometimes—possessions. The further you move toward greatness, the more greatness demands from you. But all barriers yield to one mythical quality: drive. The will to persist and overcome. To never give up. To never accept defeat. Few stories better illustrate this better than the life of one of the most extraordinary warriors the world has even known; a man of legendary ambition, will, and grit: Alexander the Great. In this book, you'll be taken on a whirlwind journey through Alexander's life and conquests, and not only learn about the successes and mistakes of one of history's greatest conquerors, but also how to awaken a fire in your own life and adventures. Read this book now and learn lessons from Alexander the Great on why drive is so vital to awakening your inner genius, and learn insights into the real power of purpose, how to defeat the insidious force of "Resistance" that holds us back, and more.

The Persian Boy - Mary Renault 2013-09-10

A New York Times bestselling novel of the

ancient king of Macedon and his lover by the author Hilary Mantel calls "a shining light." The Persian Boy centers on the most tempestuous years of Alexander the Great's life, as seen through the eyes of his lover and most faithful attendant, Bagoas. When Bagoas is very young, his father is murdered and he is sold as a slave to King Darius of Persia. Then, when Alexander conquers the land, he is given Bagoas as a gift, and the boy is besotted. This passion comes at a time when much is at stake—Alexander has two wives, conflicts are ablaze, and plots on the Macedon king's life abound. The result is a riveting account of a great conqueror's years of triumph and, ultimately, heartbreak. The Persian Boy is the second volume of the Novels of Alexander the Great trilogy, which also includes *Fire from Heaven* and *Funeral Games*. This ebook features an illustrated biography of Mary Renault including rare images of the author. "Mary Renault is a shining light to both historical novelists and their readers. She does not pretend the past is like the present, or that the people of ancient Greece were just like us. She shows us their strangeness; discerning, sure-footed, challenging our values, piquing our curiosity, she leads us through an alien landscape that moves and delights us." —Hilary Mantel

Alexander the Great - Anthony Everitt 2019
More than two millennia have passed, but Alexander the Great is still a household name. His life was an adventure story and took him to every corner of the ancient world. His memory and glamour persist, and his early death at thirty-three has kept him evergreen in our imaginations with a legacy that meant something different to every age- in the Middle Ages he became an exemplar of knightly chivalry, he was a star of Renaissance paintings, and by the early twentieth century he even came to resemble an English gentleman. But who was he in his own time? In *Alexander the Great*, Anthony Everitt judges Alexander's life against the criteria of his own age and considers all his contradictions. We meet the Macedonian prince who was naturally inquisitive and fascinated by science and exploration, who enjoyed the arts and used the poet Homer's great epic, the *Iliad*, as a bible. As his empire grew, stretching from Greece and Macedonia to Ancient Egypt and

Persia and all the way to India, Alexander exhibited respect for the traditions of his new subjects and careful judgment in administering rule over a vast territory. But his career also had a dark side. An inveterate conqueror, who in his short life built the largest empire to that point in history, Alexander glorified war and was known to commit acts of great cruelty. As debates continue about the meaning of his life, Alexander's death remains an unsolved mystery. Did he die of natural causes, felled by a fever, or did his marshals, angered by his tyrannical behavior, kill him? An explanation of his death can lie only in what we know of his life, and Everitt ventures to solve that puzzle, offering an ending to Alexander's story that has eluded so many for so long.

Alexander the Great - Paul Cartledge 2013-08-29
At eighteen Alexander had conquered mainland Greece, was crowned King of Macedonia at twenty and by twenty-six he had made himself master of the once mighty Persian Empire. By the time of his death, aged only thirty-three, in 323BCE he was ruler of the known world and was being worshipped as a god by the Greeks, both at Babylon, where he died, and further west, among the Greek cities of the Asiatic seaboard. The fruit of a lifetime's scholarship and meticulous research, this is an outstanding biography of one of the most remarkable rulers in history. 'A hugely impressive portrait of a towering but enigmatic figure' Saul David, Sunday Telegraph 'A revealing, often enthralling search . . . [a] restless, exhilarating book' Observer 'Fascinating . . . blends all the pleasures of Hollywood epic with those of a subtle and deeply intriguing detective tale' Tom Holland, author of *Rubicon* 'Alexander the Great provides an endless fount both of amazement and of speculation. This gripping book examines the legends as well as the life. Most interestingly, it invites the reader to participate in the difficult task of separating the fact from the fiction' Norman Davies
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In the Footsteps of Alexander the Great - Michael Wood 1997

The author follows Alexander the Great's 22,000 mile expedition from Greece to India, recreating the epic marches and battles

Alexander - Laura Foreman 2004-08-17

An illustrated examination of the legendary leader's life focuses on his personality and the people close to him, from his family to his generals, and attempts to shed light on the mysteries surrounding his life, military career, and death.

Empire of Alexander the Great - Debra Skelton 2009

Presents a history of the empire of Alexander the Great, providing an account of his rise to power and early death at the age of thirty-two, and includes details on daily life, religion, art, science, and social structure.

The Quest for the Tomb of Alexander the Great (Second Edition) - Andrew Chugg 2012-06-01

In 2004 the author's first book "The Lost Tomb of Alexander the Great" was published to the accompaniment of international media attention, since it reported the first credible suggestion as to the current whereabouts of the long-vanished corpse of the illustrious conqueror. In the intervening years, progress by testing the candidate remains has been thwarted by the Church authorities, yet much new information

has emerged, casting the enigma in an ever more probing light. In this extensively updated and extended account, the meanderings of the evidence have been tracked with scrupulous care and the tangled threads of erstwhile hidden history have been teased apart. Thus the forgotten secrets of one of the greatest mysteries bequeathed to us by the ancient world are laid bare, culminating in the novel suggestion that the body stolen from Alexandria in AD828 and now in Venice may have acquired a false identity at the time that paganism was outlawed by the Emperor of Rome in the 4th century AD.

Alexander the Great - Hugh Bowden 2014

In 336 BC Alexander the Great became king of Macedon. During his twelve year reign he conquered the Achaemenid Persian Empire, the largest to have yet existed, and in the process had a profound effect on the world he moved through. In this examination of his life and career, Hugh Bowden explores his cultural and historical legacy.

The Written World - Martin Puchner 2017

"The story of literature in sixteen acts, from Alexander the Great and the Iliad to ebooks and Harry Potter, this engaging book brings together remarkable people and surprising events to show how writing shaped cultures, religions, and the history of the world"--

In Search of the Lost Testament of

Alexander the Great - David Grant 2017

Babylon in mid-June 323 BCE; prostrated in the Summer Palace of Nebuchadrezzar II on the east bank of the Euphrates, wracked by fever and having barely survived another night, King Alexander III, the ruler of Macedonia for twelve years and seven months, had his senior officers congregate at his bedside.

Alexander the Great in Fact and Fiction - A. B. Bosworth 2002

Ten essays from a symposium held at Newcastle University in 1997, which examine the general themes of kingship and imperialism by focusing on the romances that surround Alexander.

Who Was Alexander the Great? - Kathryn Waterfield 2016-06-07

Alexander the Great conquers the New York Times best-selling Who Was...? series! When Alexander was a boy in ancient Macedon, he already had grand ambitions. He complained

that his father, the great king of Macedon, wasn't leaving anything for him to conquer! This, of course, was not the case. King Alexander went on to control most of the known world of the time. His victories won him many supporters, but they also earned him enemies. This easy-to-read biography offers a fascinating look at the life of Alexander and the world he lived in.

The Genius of Alexander the Great - N Hammond 2004-01-01

"As a commander of men of many races, Alexander was and is incomparable. As a statesman he envisaged, and to some extent created, an ecumenical kingdom which rose above race and nation and which enjoyed peace and prosperity, extending from his birthplace in Macedonia to the borders of Kashmir. His intellect and charismatic personality so fascinated those he conquered that they served in his army and administration and adopted him as the hero of their quasi-mythical romances. We have much to learn today from this genius of a man who died having achieved so much at the age of thirty-two."--BOOK JACKET.

The Last Will and Testament of Alexander the Great - David Grant 2021-09-30

A re-assessment of Alexander the Great's death, exposing a conspiracy by Alexander's generals after his death to undermine his empire. Alexander the Great conquered the largest empire the world had ever seen while still in his twenties but fell fatally ill in Babylon before reaching 33 years old. His wife Roxanne was still pregnant with what would be his only legitimate son, so there was no clear-cut heir. The surviving accounts of his dying days differ on crucial detail, with the most popular version claiming Alexander uttered 'to the strongest' when asked to nominate a successor on his deathbed. Decades of 'civil war' ensued as Alexander's hard-won empire was torn asunder by generals in the bloody 'funeral games' his alleged final words heralded in. The fighting for supremacy inevitably led to the extermination of his bloodline. But was Alexander really so short-sighted and irresponsible? Finally, after 2,340 years, the mystery is unravelled. In a forensic first, David Grant presents a compelling case for what he terms the 'greatest succession cover up of all time'. Alexander's lost Last Will and Testament is given new credibility and Grant

deciphers events that led to its erasure from history by the generals who wanted to carve up the empire for themselves.

The Army of Alexander the Great - Stephen English 2009-03-19

Alexander the Great is one of the most famous men in history, and many believe he was the greatest military genius of all time (Julius Caesar wept at the feet of his statue in envy of his achievements). Most of his thirteen year reign as king of Macedon was spent in hard campaigning which conquered half the known world, during which he was never defeated in open battle and never besieged a city he did not take. Yet, while biographies of Alexander abound, there are relatively few full-length books dedicated to the Macedonian army which made his dazzling conquests possible and which proved itself the most formidable machine of the age. Stephen English investigates every aspect of the Macedonian forces, analysing the recruitment, equipment, organisation, tactics, command and control of the fighting arms (including the famous pike phalanxes, elite Hypaspists and incomparable Companion cavalry). Some of Alexander's most famous battles and sieges are described in detail to show the army in action. With forensic thoroughness he draws on recent archaeological evidence and scholarship to present a detailed portrait of the army which demonstrated a superiority over its opponents equal to (but much longer-lasting than) that enjoyed by the German forces in the blitzkrieg campaigns of 1939/40. Alexander's navy is also covered.

Brill's Companion to the Reception of Alexander the Great - 2018-09-11

Brill's Companion to the Reception of Alexander the Great has something for everyone who is interested in the life and afterlife of Alexander III of Macedon, the Great.

The Madness of Alexander the Great - Richard A Gabriel 2015-03-31

Over the years, some 20,000 books and articles have been written about Alexander the Great, the vast majority hailing him as possibly the greatest general that ever lived. Richard A. Gabriel, however, argues that, while Alexander was clearly a successful soldier-adventurer, the evidence of real greatness is simply not there. The author presents Alexander as a misfit

within his own warrior society, attempting to overcompensate. Thoroughly insecure and unstable, he was given to episodes of uncontrollable rage and committed brutal atrocities that would today have him vilified as a monstrous psychopath. The author believes some of his worst excesses may have been due to what we now call Post Traumatic Stress Disorder, of which he displays many of the classic symptoms, brought on by extended exposure to violence and danger. Above all the author thinks that Alexander's military ability has been flattered by History. Alexander was tactically competent but contributed nothing truly original, while his strategy was often flawed and distorted by his obsession with personal glory. This radical reappraisal is certain to provoke debate.

Alexander the Great - R. D. Milns 1968

The story of Alexander the Great is one of ambition, conquest, and glory. By the time he died at age 32, in 323 B.C., he was leader of an enormous empire that stretched from Greece in the west to India in the east. His remarkable personality shines through this heroic story of battles, sieges, and victories.

Curtius Rufus, Histories of Alexander the Great, Book 10 - Quintus Curtius Rufus

2009-03-12

A translation, with detailed commentary, of Book 10 of Curtius Rufus' Histories, a major Roman source on the end of the reign of Alexander the Great. The Introduction establishes a profile of Curtius, and his agenda as a historian. Both translation and commentary are designed for the reader without Latin.

Cyropaedia - Xenophon 2018-01-02

Reproduction of the original.

The History of Alexander the Great - Scot McKendrick 1996

A lavishly produced monograph about a late 15th Century illuminated manuscript. The text is a translation into French, by Vasco da Lucena, of one of the primary sources for the life of Alexander. The illustrations portray the events of the story in contemporary costumes and settings. Now in the John Paul Getty collection, this publication discusses the history of the text and the manuscript itself, with full colour reproduction of each illustration. A beautiful book about a beautiful manuscript.

Alexander the Great - Paul Cartledge

2005-11-01

Alexander the Great is the towering hero of the classical world: a fearless general, the conqueror of the Persians, and the visionary ruler of a vast empire. In this seminal biography, Paul Cartledge, one of the world's foremost scholars of ancient Greece, gives us the most reliable and intimate portrait of the man himself. Cartledge brilliantly evokes Alexander's remarkable political and military accomplishments, cutting through the myths to show why he was such a great leader. He explores our endless obsession with Alexander and gives us insight into both his capacity for brutality and his sensitive grasp of international politics. As he brings Alexander vividly to life, Cartledge also captures his enduring impact on world history and culture.

Alexander The Great - Henry Freeman

2016-03-21

What does it mean to be great? There have been many that have come through the sands of time proclaiming their own greatness. We see it in the news every day; leaders, heroes, tyrants, and even reality star presidential candidates claim that they are great. But what about Alexander the Great? Inside you will read about... □ Alexander and the Happiness of Horses □ Aristotle and the First Day of School □ Philip's Family Drama □ Enemies and Friends □ The Real Battle Begins □ Changing Tides □ Signs and Wonders □ In Pursuit of Darius □ Historical Autopsy The young man from Macedonia that took the world by storm creating one of the world's first major empires? He singlehandedly changed the course of history within a decade. Read along with us to figure out just what made Alexander so great.

Alexander - Roy Jackson 2015-06-24

Learn Essential Lessons in Leadership and Life from the Classic Tale of Alexander the Great! Have you heard of Alexander, but don't know his story? Do you remember some of his accomplishments, but wish you knew more? Do you need inspiration from Alexander's life to help you master your destiny? If so, then Alexander: The Great Leader and Hero of Macedonia and Ancient Greece is the book for you! This exciting story is broken into captivating chapters, such as: A World on Fire

Persian Dismemberment The Sands of Syria In a Land of Pharaohs The Edge of the World The Merciful King Death of a Warrior This engrossing book also discusses the legacy of this famous man, including the many kingdoms and empires that grew out of his wake. You'll also learn how the Ancient Greek language, ideas, and culture were spread across the world - affecting us even today! Don't wait - gain the knowledge and wisdom of Ancient Greek history TODAY!

Plutarch's Lives - Plutarch 1872

Return of the Plumed Serpent - Graham Hancock
2015-10-08

Graham Hancock, an expert in ancient civilisations and author of the 9 million selling *Fingerprints of the Gods*, and expert too, on the use of hallucinogens to achieve higher states of consciousness, brings these two interests together in the second volume of the *War God* trilogy. The conquistador Hernán Cortés is dreaming of Tenochtitlan, the golden city of Aztecs. But in order to win the Aztecs' gold, Cortés and his small force of just five hundred men will have to defeat the psychotic emperor Moctezuma and the armies of hundreds of thousands he commands. Cortés expects that the Tlascalans, hereditary enemies of the Aztecs, will join him, but instead finds himself locked in a deadly struggle. As Cortés risks all against the Tlascalans, he plays mind games with Moctezuma, aiming to defeat the Aztec emperor psychologically before ever having to face him in battle. In this he is aided by his lover Malinal, a beautiful Mayan princess. It is from Malinal that Cortés learns of the myth of Quetzalcoatl, 'The Plumed Serpent'. She shows him how to exploit the prophecy of the fabled god king's return to weaken Moctezuma's resolve and keep alive the suspicion that the conquistador might actually be Quetzalcoatl himself.

Alexander the Great - Robin Lane Fox 1997

Alexander the Great - Ian Worthington
2014-07-10

Alexander the Great conquered territories on a superhuman scale and established an empire that stretched from Greece to India. He spread Greek culture and education throughout his empire, and was worshipped as a living god by

many of his subjects. But how great is a leader responsible for the deaths on tens of thousands of people? A ruler who prefers constant warring to administering the peace? A man who believed he was a god, who murdered his friends, and recklessly put his soldiers lives at risk? Ian Worthington delves into Alexander's successes and failures, his paranoia, the murders he engineered, his megalomania, and his constant drinking. It presents a king corrupted by power and who, for his own personal ends, sacrificed the empire his father had fought to establish.

Alexander The Great's Art Of Strategy - Partha Bose 2004-05

An Invaluable Guide To Strategy Alexander The Great (356_323 Bc) Was Arguably The Greatest Military Strategist, Tactician And Ruler In World History. By The Time Of His Death, Aged Thirty-Three, His Armies Had Conquered Virtually The Entire Known World, From The Shores Of The Mediterranean To The Foothills Of India. His Achievements Have Inspired And Influenced A Great Number Of Past And Current Military, Political And Business Leaders. This Book Provides The Wisdom And Secrets Of This Great Empire Builder, Demonstrating How They Can Be Applied To Conquer Today'S Challenges. Blending Insights From His Years Of Business Experience With His Lifelong Study Of Alexander, Partha Bose Interweaves A Gripping Biography With Compelling Analyses Of The Strategies, Tactics And Leadership Approaches Of Successful Institutions Including Dell, Ge, Honda, Ikea, The Harvard Law School, And The East India Company And Individuals, Such As Elizabeth I, Winston Churchill, Abraham Lincoln, Franklin D. Roosevelt, Bernard Montgomery, Gandhi, Jack Welch And Lou Gerstner.

Alexander the Great, a Battle for Truth and Fiction - David Grant 2022-04-30

Most of what we 'know' about Alexander the Great (356-323 BC) comes from the pages of much later historians, writing 300 years or more after these events. But these Roman-era writers drew on the accounts of earlier authors who were contemporary with Alexander, some of whom took part in the momentous events they described. David Grant examines the fragments of these earlier eyewitness testimonies which are preserved as undercurrents in the later works. He traces their influence and monopoly

of the 'truth' and spotlights their manipulation of events to reveal how the Wars of the Successors shaped the agendas of these writers. It becomes clear that Alexander's courtiers were no-less ambitious than than their king and wanted to showcase their role in the epic conquest of the Persian Empire to enhance their credibility and legitimacy in their own quests for power. In particular, Grant reveals why reports of the

dying king's last wishes conflict, and he explains why testimony relegated to 'romance' may house credible grains of truth. The author also skillfully explains how manuscripts became further corrupted in their journey from the ancient world to the modern day. In summary, this work by a recognized expert on the period highlights why the legacy of Alexander is built on very shaky foundations.