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The Troubled Empire - Timothy Brook 2013-03-11
The Mongol takeover in the 1270s changed the course of Chinese history. The Confucian empireÑa millennium and a half in the makingÑwas suddenly thrust under foreign

occupation. What China had been before its reunification as the Yuan dynasty in 1279 was no longer what it would be in the future. Four centuries later, another wave of steppe invaders would replace the Ming dynasty with yet another

foreign occupation. The Troubled Empire explores what happened to China between these two dramatic invasions. If anything defined the complex dynamics of this period, it was changes in the weather. Asia, like Europe, experienced a Little Ice Age, and as temperatures fell in the thirteenth century, Kublai Khan moved south into China. His Yuan dynasty collapsed in less than a century, but Mongol values lived on in Ming institutions. A second blast of cold in the 1630s, combined with drought, was more than the dynasty could stand, and the Ming fell to Manchu invaders. Against this background—the first coherent ecological history of China in this period—Timothy Brook explores the growth of autocracy, social complexity, and commercialization, paying special attention to China's incorporation into the larger South China Sea economy. These changes not only shaped what China would become but contributed to the formation of the early modern world.

China: A History - The Field Museum 2019-01-15

Discover the history of one of the world's most influential civilizations. Based on the Cyrus Tang Hall of China exhibit at The Field Museum, *China: A History* traces the 7,000-year story of this diverse land. Full-color maps, photos, and illustrations of the people, landscape, artifacts, and rare objects bring the history of this nation to life! Young readers learn about prehistoric China, follow the reign of emperors and dynasties, and come to understand how China became the world power that it is today. The book also explores the role of children and women in everyday life as well as how religion, politics, and economics shaped the deep traditions and dynamic changes of modern China. This book stands alone from the exhibition and is a go-to resource for young readers looking to learn more about this powerful nation. It includes a timeline, bibliography, and index.

[A Concise History of Azerbaijan](#)

- Jahangir Zeynaloglu
2020-05-16

This brief but informative book is one of the first works by the 20th century Azerbaijani historians. The author describes the rich and turbulent history of Azerbaijan covering essentially all major periods of the Azerbaijani history: ancient times, various Azerbaijani Turkic dynasties in the Middle Ages, Independent Khanates and the events preceding the establishment of the Azerbaijani Democratic Republic, the first Turkic and Muslim republic in history.

The Habsburgs - Benjamin Curtis 2013-09-12

A survey of the history of the Habsburgs, examining their political evolution from the Middle Ages to the twentieth century.

The History of China - History Brought Alive
2022-05-03

Chinese History Covers Thousands of Years, is Rich in Culture, Legends, Myths, Empires, Battles & Remains One of The Most Interesting in the World. In this book we

explore the magnificent history of China from the early origins to its rise as a modern super power. While there are many books that explore China's history, public knowledge is still lacking. Many people can name more than one Roman Emperor, but how many can name a Chinese Emperor? For anyone who wants to know more about this once closed and distant culture, History Brought Alive brings you a concise, masterful, and reliable book on the history of China. Join us as we travel through over four thousand years of Chinese history, culture, myths and more. Beginning from the earliest creation myths and the first archaeological evidence of complex societies, we will ground your understanding in the foundations of China's past. Inside you will discover The Five Major Eras - Ancient China & The First, Second & Third Imperial Ages + The Modern Age Innovations, World Firsts & Important Inventions - Including Paper Money, Insurance, The Printing Press and more The Prosperity

& Rise of The Han Chinese (the majority ethnic group in China)
Marco Polo - how a lowly merchant from the opposite end of the earth found a place of high employment
The Mongol Terror - Bloodshed, Genghis Khan & The Mongol Raiders
Great Personages including Emperor Wu, Mao Zedong, Qin Shi Huangdi, Confucius and more
Trade History, Silver, Investment & The Opium Wars
The Cultural Revolution - How Mao Zedong and the Communist Party Began Transforming China
An Era of Modernization - China Becomes a Modern Superpower & The Future
And much, much more... Whether you're a history enthusiast or just a curious reader..inside you will discover a wealth of Chinese cultural history, mythology and more. So if you want to find out more about Chinese History then this is The Book for You

A Brief History of Britain

1066 - 1485 - Nicholas

Vincent 2011-06-23

From the Battle of Hastings to the Battle of Bosworth Field,

Nicholas Vincent tells the story of how Britain was born. When William, Duke of Normandy, killed King Harold and seized the throne of England, England's language, culture, politics and law were transformed. Over the next four hundred years, under royal dynasties that looked principally to France for inspiration and ideas, an English identity was born, based in part upon struggle for control over the other parts of the British Isles (Scotland, Wales and Ireland), in part upon rivalry with the kings of France. From these struggles emerged English law and an English Parliament, the English language, English humour and England's first overseas empires. In this thrilling and accessible account, Nicholas Vincent not only tells the story of the rise and fall of dynasties, but investigates the lives and obsessions of a host of lesser men and women, from archbishops to peasants, and from soldiers to scholars, upon whose enterprise the social and intellectual foundations of

Englishness now rest. This the first book in the four volume Brief History of Britain which brings together some of the leading historians to tell our nation's story from the Norman Conquest of 1066 to the present-day. Combining the latest research with accessible and entertaining story telling, it is the ideal introduction for students and general readers.

A Brief History of Iran -

Hassan Naraghi 2020-05-13

The book presents a brief history of Iran. It studies several dynasties ruling Iran.

Dynasty - Jeroen Duindam

2019-10-24

For thousands of years bloodlines have been held as virtually unassailable credentials for leadership, with supreme political power perceived as a family affair across the globe and throughout history. At the heart of royal dynasties, kings were inflated to superhuman proportions, yet their status came at a price: whilst they may have reigned, they were very often ruled by others who sheltered behind the ruler's

proclaimed omnipotence. Descent through the female line also occurred, subverting our common view of dynasty as built on father-son succession. Everywhere, women were important as mothers of boy-kings, and could even rule in their own right in some places. In this Very Short Introduction Jeroen Duindam connects the earliest history of kings and queens to contemporary examples of family-based leadership. His sweeping overview of five millennia of dynastic rule brings to light recurring predicaments of families on the throne. Examining persistent family conflict and the dilemmas of leadership, he shows how the challenge of governing the family was balanced by the necessity of family scions, close or distant, for the survival of dynasties. Tensions between ageing fathers and eager sons can be found among ancient kings as well as in modern business empires. Guidebooks for rulers throughout history provided counsel that will appear strikingly familiar to

contemporary leaders. The thoughts and confessions of rulers added a more personal touch to these rules of thumb. Throughout, Duindam sheds light not only on similarities, but also on divergence and change in dynastic practice.

ABOUT THE SERIES: The Very Short Introductions series from Oxford University Press contains hundreds of titles in almost every subject area. These pocket-sized books are the perfect way to get ahead in a new subject quickly. Our expert authors combine facts, analysis, perspective, new ideas, and enthusiasm to make interesting and challenging topics highly readable.

An Illustrated Brief History of China - Wang Jian

2020-01-14

This illustrated Chinese history book takes the reader on a visual journey of the most brilliant and significant segments of Chinese civilization over the course of five thousand years. As a cradle of human civilization, China has maintained its cohesion and cultural identity

for thousands of years. With China's historical evolution as a backdrop, each section focuses on the outstanding achievements of the period it covers and sets out the long-established and profound cultural development of the Chinese nation.

A Brief History of Chinese Design Thought - Qi Shao 2022

This book introduces readers to the history of design thinking in pre-modern China. The content is structured according to successive dynasties, covering the seven major periods of the pre-Qin, Qin and Han, Wei and Jin, Sui and Tang, Song and Yuan, Ming, and Qing dynasties. Each chapter introduces the most representative individuals of the period and discusses their work and ideas in order to reveal the national and cultural features of the respective periods. A distinctive feature of cultural identity running through the long course of China's historical development is the argument that actions are determined by ideas: Such a view can be found in long-

standing thinking on art, design, and creativity. The book demonstrates that conscious design is the vital link between the ideas that constitute human cultures and the physical objects that make up their resulting material cultures. It is the attribute of design that defines what it is to be human and also produces the physical evidence of the evolution of Chinese civilization. The book reveals the integrated characteristics of Chinese culture and art and shows how both changing and recurring ideologies have influenced Chinese design practice since the ancient Shang and Zhou dynasties and how these forces have shaped the spirit and materiality of Chinese civilization. Design is the cornerstone that has made China one of the major contributors to human civilization throughout the thousands of years of its history. Given its focus, the book largely appeals to two main audiences: an academic readership of students and researchers interested in

cultural studies and, a more general one, consisting of those interested in international comparisons and wishing to learn more about Chinese history, society, and culture. In order to appeal to both, the book is written in a clear and accessible language.

[The Shortest History of China](#) - Linda Jaivin 2021-09-28

"Journey at a thrilling clip across the epic history of China-through millennia of early innovation to modern dominance"--

The Book of Islamic Dynasties - Abia Afsar Siddiqui 2008

An introduction to the many Islamic dynasties that have arisen, shone and faded but have left the Muslim world all the richer.

The Historical Atlas of Dynasties and Royal Houses

- Jeremy Harwood 2011-08-15

The structure of the book is broadly chronological. It is broken down into seven main sections, starting with the birth of monarchy in the ancient Middle East and ending with coverage of modern royal houses and ruling dynasties

stretching through the 20th century and on up to the present day. The core of each section is a series of profiles of the most significant rulers of each particular era, each one of whom has been carefully selected because of his or her influence on the pattern of historical events. It is these events that provide the impetus for the maps that play an equally significant part in the overall structure. This book is a fascinating and comprehensive exploration of the dynasties and rulers who have shaped our world. History is not created in a vacuum. It is a living entity, to which no one has contributed more than leading kings and queens of the distant and not-so-distant past. Their achievements not only shaped the times in which they reigned, but also, for good or ill, have had an enduring impact on the world we live in today.

Ming China, 1368-1644 -

John W. Dardess 2012

This engaging, deeply informed book provides the first concise history of one of China's most

important eras. Leading scholar John W. Dardess offers a thematically organized political, social, and economic exploration of China from 1368 to 1644. He examines how the Ming dynasty was able to endure for 276 years, illuminating Ming foreign relations and border control, the lives and careers of its sixteen emperors, its system of governance and the kinds of people who served it, its great class of literati, and finally the mass outlawry that, in unhappy conjunction with the Manchu invasions from outside, ended the once-mighty dynasty in the mid-seventeenth century. The Ming witnessed the beginning of China's contact with the West, and its story will fascinate all readers interested in global as well as Asian history.

A Short History of the Chinese People - L.

Carrington Goodrich

2013-10-30

Discusses major currents of Chinese history, philosophy, culture and politics, beginning with the Shang, Chou and Han

dynasties, and culminating with the birth of the Chinese Republic in 1912. 17 maps, 25 illustrations.

Chronological Tables of the Chinese Dynasties - Tso-t'ing Wang 1976

[A Brief History of the Dynasties of China](#) - Bamber Gascoigne 2003

By focusing on the key colourful characters of the eight major dynasties, the author brings to life 3500 years of Chinese civilization. His view starts on the borders of myth. It moves on to the greatest achievements of language and thought, the cultural treasures and imperial palaces, wars won and lands lost to the Mongols, finally to arrive at the 1912 Revolution, which contained within it the seeds of Communism that ensured the overthrow of the last emperor.

Dynasties - Jeroen Duindam 2016

A vibrant and broad-ranging study of dynastic power in the late medieval and early modern world.

[The Hanoverians](#) - Jeremy

Black 2007-01-20

A detailed critique of the eighteenth-century German family and their reign on the British throne includes coverage of such topics as the language barrier that impacted George I's controversial rule, George III's loss of the American colonies and bouts with mental instability, and George IV's scandalous marriage and attempted divorce.

[The Habsburgs](#) - Benjamin Curtis 2013-07-18

The Habsburgs rank among the most celebrated ruling dynasties in history. At one point, their territories stretched not only across Europe but across the globe, into Asia, Africa and the Americas. By virtue of their long pre-eminence, the family made an indelible mark on European affairs, shaping the course of international politics and diplomacy, and knitting together the diverse peoples of Central Europe. The story of the Habsburgs is theatrical and compelling, but it is also vital for understanding how kings

ruled, nations rose, and societies changed as modern Europe came into being. In this book, Benjamin Curtis explores both the Spanish and Austrian branches of the dynasty, providing a concise, comprehensive picture of the dynasty's development. This study clearly demonstrates why the Habsburgs are considered the most consistently accomplished practitioners of European dynasticism.

The History of Science and Technology in Qin and Han Dynasty - Li Shi

The book is the volume of "The History of Science and Technology in Qin and Han Dynasty" among a series of books of "Deep into China Histories". The earliest known written records of the history of China date from as early as 1250 BC, from the Shang dynasty (c. 1600-1046 BC) and the Bamboo Annals (296 BC) describe a Xia dynasty (c. 2070-1600 BC) before the Shang, but no writing is known from the period The Shang ruled in the Yellow River valley, which is commonly held

to be the cradle of Chinese civilization. However, Neolithic civilizations originated at various cultural centers along both the Yellow River and Yangtze River. These Yellow River and Yangtze civilizations arose millennia before the Shang. With thousands of years of continuous history, China is one of the world's oldest civilizations, and is regarded as one of the cradles of civilization. The Zhou dynasty (1046-256 BC) supplanted the Shang and introduced the concept of the Mandate of Heaven to justify their rule. The central Zhou government began to weaken due to external and internal pressures in the 8th century BC, and the country eventually splintered into smaller states during the Spring and Autumn period. These states became independent and warred with one another in the following Warring States period. Much of traditional Chinese culture, literature and philosophy first developed during those troubled times. In 221 BC Qin Shi Huang conquered the

various warring states and created for himself the title of Huangdi or "emperor" of the Qin, marking the beginning of imperial China. However, the oppressive government fell soon after his death, and was supplanted by the longer-lived Han dynasty (206 BC - 220 AD). Successive dynasties developed bureaucratic systems that enabled the emperor to control vast territories directly. In the 21 centuries from 206 BC until AD 1912, routine administrative tasks were handled by a special elite of scholar-officials. Young men, well-versed in calligraphy, history, literature, and philosophy, were carefully selected through difficult government examinations. China's last dynasty was the Qing (1644-1912), which was replaced by the Republic of China in 1912, and in the mainland by the People's Republic of China in 1949. Chinese history has alternated between periods of political unity and peace, and periods of war and failed statehood - the most recent

being the Chinese Civil War (1927-1949). China was occasionally dominated by steppe peoples, most of whom were eventually assimilated into the Han Chinese culture and population. Between eras of multiple kingdoms and warlordism, Chinese dynasties have ruled parts or all of China; in some eras control stretched as far as Xinjiang and Tibet, as at present. Traditional culture, and influences from other parts of Asia and the Western world (carried by waves of immigration, cultural assimilation, expansion, and foreign contact), form the basis of the modern culture of China.

A Brief History of Britain 1485-1660 - Ronald Hutton

2011-06-23

Praise for the author:: 'For anyone researching the subject, this is the book you've been waiting for.' Washington Post From the death of Richard III on Bosworth Field in 1485 to the execution of Charles I after the Civil Wars of 1642-48, England was transformed by two dynasties. First, the Tudors, who had won the

crown on the battlefield, changed both the nature of kingship and the nation itself. England became Protestant and began to establish itself as a trading power; facing down seemingly impossible odds, it defeated its enemies on land and sea. But after a century, Elizabeth I died with no heir and the crown was passed to the Stuarts, who sought to remould the kingdom in their own image. Leading authority on the history of the British Isles in the sixteenth and seventeenth centuries, Ronald Hutton brilliantly recreates the political landscape of this early modern period and shows how the modern nation was forged in these febrile, transformative years. Combining skilful pen portraits of the leading figures of the day with descriptions of its culture, economics and vivid accounts of everyday life, Hutton provides telling insights into this critical period on Britain's national history. This the second book in the landmark four-volume Brief History of Britain which brings together leading historians to

tell Britain's story, from the Norman Conquest of 1066 to the present day. Combining the latest research with accessible and entertaining story-telling, the series is the ideal introduction for students and general readers.

The Dynasties of China -

Bamber Gascoigne 2003

Eight remarkable Chinese dynasties are chronicled here, covering 3,500 years of Chinese history from the emergence of the first dynasty in 1600 B.C. to the fall of the last in 1911, providing the necessary background to understanding China's often violent twentieth century history. Original.

A Brief History of Korea -

Michael J. Seth 2019-11-12

Exploring Korean history from its ancient roots to the present day, *A Brief History of Korea* is the story of a people with a rich and united culture that has become two Koreas in modern times--one isolated and secretive and the other among the world's most successful economies. Korean culture developed on a 600-mile-long

peninsula, bordered on the north by mountains and three sides by the sea, set apart from the Asian mainland. Korea was one of the last countries in Asia to be visited by Westerners and its borders have remained largely unchanged since it was unified in the seventh century. Though it is one of the world's oldest and most ethnically homogeneous states, Korea was not born in a vacuum. Geographically isolated, the country was heavily influenced by powerful China and was often used as a bridge to the mainland by Japan. Calling themselves as "a shrimp among whales," Koreans borrowed elements of government, culture and religion all the while fiercely fighting to maintain independence from powerful neighbors. This fascinating book tells the story of Korean domestic dynasties, empires and states, as well as foreign conquest, occupation and division. Today, the two Koreas are starkly different-- North Korea a nation closed to the world and South Korea an economic powerhouse and

center of Asian democracy. Chronicling significant events right up through 2018's Singapore Summit, author Michael J. Seth presents a relevant, interesting and important history of Korea within a larger global context. Korea's history is a turbulent one, but ultimately the story of a resistant and resourceful people in search of lasting peace.

The Great Moghuls - Bamber Gascoigne 1971

This book will appeal to the increasing number of people travelling to India each year, detailing perhaps the most interesting period of Indian history, the time of the Great Moghuls. '

Dynasties of the World - John E. Morby 1989

This new reference is a comprehensive guide to the major monarchies of the world from ancient Egypt to the present day. The main text consists of clearly designed chronological tables, in broad geographical groupings, setting out monarchs' names and years of rule, other titles,

lineages, and authentic sobriquets; the book also includes information on abdications, depositions, interregna, regencies, and co-regencies. Supporting notes discuss chronological problems and sources, calendars and dating systems, margins of error, sources and further reading. The result of copious research in many languages and contributions from numerous scholars, this book is the most accurate, reliable, and up-to-date work of its kind available, invaluable for scholars, students, librarians, and interested general readers.

An Introduction to the Chinese Economy - Rongxing Guo 2011-04-06

This comprehensive overview of the modern Chinese economy by a noted expert from China offers a quality and breadth of coverage. In this book, the author provides an introduction to China's economy since 1949 and original insights based on his own extensive research. The book sets out to analyze and compare the operational

mechanisms of the Chinese economy between the pre- and post-reform periods and through national, regional and local dimensions. Both positive and negative consequences of the Chinese economic transformation have been clarified. A multiregional comparison of the Chinese economy is conducted in terms of natural and human resources, institutional evolution, as well as economic and social performances. At last, some key issues relating to the inherent operational mechanisms of and the dynamic patterns of the Chinese economy are also discussed.

Dynasties of the World - John Morby 2014-09-18

This title has tables giving years of rule and family relationships (in the male line unless otherwise indicated) for the reigning families of the world, from Horus Aha, first pharaoh of Egypt, to Abdallah, present king of Saudi Arabia. Included in the tables are data regarding regencies and co-regencies, abdications and

depositions, interregna and dynastic unions, mandates and protectorates, canonizations and beatifications, and the end of monarchic rule through conquest or overthrow. Notes provide information on chronological problems and uncertainties, non-Western dating systems, and names and titles; bibliographies document the research and guide the reader to additional information.

A Short History of China -

Gordon Kerr 2013-01-25

The turbulent and chequered past of the world's most populous country is one of the most fascinating in world history, and relatively little known in the West. From the beginnings of Chinese prehistory right through to internet censorship with the 'Great Firewall of China', Gordon Kerr offers a comprehensive introduction to the sprawling history of this enormous country. A Short History of China provides an absorbing introduction to more than 4,000 years of Chinese history, telling the stories of

the tyrants, despots, femmes fatales, artists, warriors and philosophers who have shaped this fascinating and complex nation. It describes the amazing technological advances that her scientists and inventors made many hundreds of years before similar discoveries in Europe. It also investigates the Chinese view of the world and examines the movements, aspirations and philosophies that moulded it and, in so doing, created the Chinese nation. Finally, the book examines the dramatic changes of the last few decades and the emergence of China as an economic and industrial 21st century superpower, making Napoleon Bonaparte's words about her ring true: "Let China sleep, for when she awakes, she will shake the world."

Foundations of Chinese

Civilization - Jing Liu

2016-05-09

Who founded China? Are Chinese people religious? What is Chinese culture and how has it changed over time? The accessible and fun

Understanding China Through Comics series answers those questions and more. For all ages, Foundations of Chinese Civilization covers China's early history in comic form, introducing philosophies like Confucianism and Daoism, the story of the Silk Road, famous emperors like Han Wudi, and the process of China's unification. Includes a handy timeline. This is volume one of the Understanding China Through Comics series. Jing Liu is a Beijing native now living in Davis, California. A successful designer and entrepreneur who helped brands tell their stories, Jing currently uses his artistry to tell the story of China.

Dynasties - Jeroen Duindam
2015-11-30

For thousands of years, societies have fallen under the reign of a single leader, ruling as chief, king, or emperor. In this fascinating global history of medieval and early modern dynastic power, Jeroen Duindam charts the rise and fall of dynasties, the rituals of rulership, and the contested

presence of women on the throne. From European, African, Mughal, Ming-Qing and Safavid dynasties to the Ottoman Empire, Tokugawa Japan and Chosŏn Korea, he reveals the tension between the ideals of kingship and the lives of actual rulers, the rich variety of arrangements for succession, the households or courts which catered to rulers' daily needs, and the relationship between the court and the territories under its control. The book integrates numerous African examples, sets dynasties within longer-term developments such as the rise of the state, and examines whether the tensions inherent in dynastic power led inexorably to cycles of ascent and decline.

A Brief History of Chinese Civilization - Conrad

Schirokauer 2006-12-01

This compelling text explores the development of China through its art, religion, literature, and thought as well as through its economic, political, and social history.

This author team combines

strong research with extensive classroom teaching experience to offer a clear, consistent, and highly readable text that is accessible to students with no previous knowledge of the history of China.

A Brief History of China -

Jonathan Clements 2019-10-29

A comprehensive, yet entertaining look at China's history through a modern lens. For millennia, China was the largest and richest nation on earth. Two centuries ago, however, its economy sank into a depression from which it had not fully recovered—until now. China's modern resurgence as the world's largest nation in terms of population and its second-largest economy—where 800 million people have been lifted out of poverty in the space of a few decades—is the greatest untold story of the 21st century. A Brief History of China tells of the development of a rich and complex civilization where the use of paper, writing, money and gunpowder were widespread in ancient times and where silk, ceramics, tea,

metal implements and other products were produced and exported around the globe. It examines the special conditions that allowed a single culture to unify an entire continent spanning 10 billion square kilometers under the rule of a single man—and the unbelievably rich artistic, literary and architectural heritage that Chinese culture has bequeathed to the world. Equally fascinating is the story of China's decline in the 19th and early 20th century—as Europeans and Americans took center stage—and its modern resurgence as an economic powerhouse in recent years. In his retelling of a Chinese history stretching back 5,000 years, author and China-expert Jonathan Clements focuses on the human stories which led to the powerful transformations in Chinese society—from the unification of China under its first emperor, Qinshi Huangdi, and the writings of the great Chinese philosophers Confucius and Laozi, to the Mongol invasion under Genghis Khan and the consolidation of

Communist rule under Mao Zedong. Clements even brings readers through to the present day, outlining China's economic renaissance under Deng Xiaoping and Xi Jinping. What really separates this book from its counterparts is the focus on women, and modern themes such as diversity and climate change. Chinese history is typically told through the stories of its most famous men, but Clements' telling gives women equal time and research—which introduces readers of this book to equally important, but less commonly-known facts and historical figures. Often seen in the West in black or white terms—as either a savage dystopia or a fantastical paradise—China is revealed in the book as an exceptional yet troubled nation that nevertheless warrants its self-description as the Middle Kingdom.

Ancient Chinese Dynasties - Cynthia L. Jenson-Elliott 2015 This book explores the history of Ancient Chinese dynasties, covering art and language to large-scale building projects

such as the Great Wall and the bureaucratic structure of society itself.

America's Political Dynasties - Stephen Hess 2017-07-05

This is the 30th anniversary edition of a book that was hailed on publication in 1966 as "fascinating" by Margaret L. Coit in the Saturday Review and as "masterly" by Henry F. Graff in the New York Times Book Review. The Constitution could not be more specific: "No title of nobility shall be granted by the United States." Yet, in over two centuries since these words were written, the American people, despite official disapproval, have chosen a political nobility. For generation after generation they have turned for leadership to certain families. They are America's political dynasties. Now, in the twentieth century, surprisingly, American political life seems to be largely peopled by those who qualify, in Stewart Alsop's phrase, as "People's Dukes." They are all around us? Kennedys, Longs, Tafts, Roosevelts. Here is the panorama of America's political

dynasties from colonial days to the present in fascinating profiles of sixteen of the leading families. Some, like the Roosevelts, have shown remarkable staying power. Others are all but forgotten, such as the Washburns, a family in which four sons of a bankrupt shopkeeper were elected to Congress from four different states. America's Political Dynasties investigates the roles of these families in shaping the nation and traces the whole pattern of political inheritance, which has been a little considered but unique and significant feature of American government and diplomacy. And in doing so, it also illuminates the lives and personalities of some two hundred often engaging, usually ambitious, sometimes brilliant, occasionally unscrupulous individuals.

A Companion to Chinese

History - Michael Szonyi
2017-02-06

A Companion to Chinese History presents a collection of essays offering a comprehensive overview of the

latest intellectual developments in the study of China's history from the ancient past up until the present day. Covers the major trends in the study of Chinese history from antiquity to the present day. Considers the latest scholarship of historians working in China and around the world. Explores a variety of long-range questions and themes which serves to bridge the conventional divide between China's traditional and modern eras. Addresses China's connections with other nations and regions and enables non-specialists to make comparisons with their own fields. Features discussion of traditional topics and chronological approaches as well as newer themes such as Chinese history in relation to sexuality, national identity, and the environment.

History of Chinese Folk Literature - Zhenduo Zheng
2021-10-28

This book mainly addresses the position, function, influence, and values of folk oral literature in the history of

Chinese literature. Divided into 14 chapters, it systematically covers central aspects of folklore literature such as ballads, folk songs, Bianwen, Zajuci, Guzici, Zhugongdiao, Sanqu, Baojuan, Tanci, Zidishu, and so on from the Pre-Qin to the late Qing Dynasties, filling several gaps in literary history studies. It is a comprehensive literary work, and many of the materials cited here are rare and difficult to find. In addition, the book proposes some important theories, especially six highly generalized qualities of folk literature, namely that it is: popular, collective, oral, fresh, effusive, and innovative. With detailed, extensive materials, and quotations, the book represents the most systematic and comprehensive work to date on ancient Chinese folk literature. It is mutually complementary with Guwei Wang's *A Textual Research of the Traditional Chinese Opera in the Song and Yuan Dynasties* and Xun Lu's *A Brief History of Chinese Fiction*; all three works are regarded as the most

essential classics for researching the history of Chinese literature.

Servants of the Dynasty -

Anne Walthall 2008-06-10

This book offers a new perspective on the monarchies that have dominated much of human history, by offering a comparative view of the women who lived, worked, and served in royal courts around the globe. The authors of this volume, historians, anthropologists, and archeologists, investigate women's roles in each era and locale, how those roles changed over time, and what women's histories say about the structures of power and the societies in which they lived. The authors take us to palaces in Early modern Southeast Asia, classic Maya royal courts, the Byzantine court, the harem of the Ottoman royal court, the Mughal palace, an African royal harem, the courts of Chinese Emperors and Empresses, the palace of the Shogun, the court of Versailles, Aztec palaces, and a Korean court.

Ming China and Vietnam -

Kathlene Baldanza 2016-03-29
Studies of Sino-Viet relations have traditionally focused on Chinese aggression and Vietnamese resistance, or have assumed out-of-date ideas about Sinicization and the tributary system. They have limited themselves to national historical traditions, doing little to reach beyond the border. Ming China and Vietnam, by contrast, relies on sources and viewpoints from both sides of the border, for a truly transnational history of Sino-Viet relations. Kathlene Baldanza offers a detailed examination of geopolitical and cultural relations between Ming China (1368-1644) and Dai Viet, the state that would go on to become Vietnam. She highlights the internal debates

and external alliances that characterized their diplomatic and military relations in the pre-modern period, showing especially that Vietnamese patronage of East Asian classical culture posed an ideological threat to Chinese states. Baldanza presents an analysis of seven linked biographies of Chinese and Vietnamese border-crossers whose lives illustrate the entangled histories of those countries.

The History of the Mohammedan Dynasties in Spain - Ahmed ibn Mohammed al-Makkari 2002

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