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The Terracotta Army British Museum Press

*Includes pictures *Includes ancient accounts of the emperor's reign and description of his tomb *Describes how the Terracotta Army was designed and created *Includes a bibliography for further reading "The terracotta army was a one-off creation, original in both concept and execution, unmentioned in any source, no sooner buried than destroyed and forgotten. ... Why so realistic? Why this many? Why full-size? Why clay? ... The initial inspiration was the need to duplicate a new force, of which the main element was infantry, conscripted from the emperor's newly acquired masses of peasants, and protected not with custom-made armor but with scales of leather and simple, standardized weapons. It was the combination of archers, infantry and charioteers, this particular balance between officers and men, that had enabled the First Emperor to unify the nation." - John Man, *The Terracotta Army: China's First Emperor and the Birth of a Nation* China has always fascinated outsiders, much in the same way that distant light fascinates someone looking down a dark road. It is both familiar and mysterious, ancient and new, and fully understanding it seems to always remain just out of reach. From the Great Wall to the ancient teachings of Confucius, China's natural and man-made wonders have been topics of interest among Westerners since the Middle Ages and the pursuit of trade routes both by land and sea, amazing Marco Polo and 19th century British expeditions in similar ways despite the passage of several centuries between them. For these reasons, it comes as little surprise that people across

the world were excited when it was revealed in 1974 that archaeologists had uncovered a new and amazing find: an underground army consisting of thousands of clay soldiers, still standing at their posts despite being over 2,000 years old. In addition to the remarkable feats of craftsmanship and the almost unimaginable size and scale of the Terracotta Army, the sculpted statues seemed to bear testimony of something that modern people could not quite wrap their minds around, representing a time when China was born almost 200 years before Christ. The hope for many was that this remarkable army could reveal the secrets of China's first emperor, Qin Shi Huang, a man who united seven warring tribes into one of the most powerful nations on earth. Even as research continues 40 years after the initial find, some of the facts about the Terracotta Army are staggering. It's estimated that the army consists of 8,000 soldiers, 130 chariots, and hundreds of horses and cavalry, all of which were sculpted on a mass scale by various factories but were subsequently molded to feature their own unique appearances separate of one another. As if that wasn't enough, there are also terracotta sculptures of acrobats, servants, and musicians, and the sculptures were painted (though most of the paint has faded away over time). This impressive horde of funerary art was buried with Qin Shi Huang to serve him in the afterlife, much the same way Egyptian pyramids were constructed for pharaohs. While the sculptures comprising the Terracotta Army are impressive as a work of art, they have indeed proven to be an invaluable historical source as well. Thanks to collections of weapons buried with the sculptures, as well as the shapes and sizes of the various military equipment, historians can get a sense of what Qin Shi Huang had at his disposal when he fought battles, and the Terracotta Army itself is even organized based on military rank, allowing historians a chance to understand ancient Chinese military formations. *The Terracotta Army: The History of Ancient China's Famous Terracotta Warriors and Horses* chronicles the history of the Chinese emperor who commissioned them and a

description of the famous funerary art. Along with pictures of important people, places, and events, you will learn about the Terracotta Army like never before.

Ikonen der Kunst Random House

»Inseln tauchen auf und verschwinden wieder.« Keri Hulme Der Steinfisch ist in der Sprache der Maori ein Fisch aus Jade, der einst das Meer vor der Westküste Neuseelands durchschwamm. Eigenwillig und kraftvoll wie die Phantasiewelt der Maori sind die Geschichten der neuseeländischen Meistererzählerin Keri Hulme. In einer Welt, in der nichts mehr verlässlich und sicher erscheint, streifen die Figuren das gerade noch Mögliche oder kaum noch Vorstellbare: apokalyptische Visionen, groteske Veränderungen, grausame Zwischenfälle. Es ist die Intuition des Kreatürlichen, die den Erzählungen Keri Hulmes ihre einzigartige Magie verleiht.

Einzelgänger, männlich Pustaka Alvabet

»Ein Buch, das den Leser nicht mehr loslässt.« The Times Moskau 1945: Russland feiert seinen Sieg über Deutschland, da ertönen Schüsse. Ein Junge und ein Mädchen liegen tot auf einer Brücke. Man findet heraus, dass es die Kinder hochrangiger Offiziere waren, und beide gingen auf die angesehenste Eliteschule Moskaus. War es ein Unfall oder Mord? Es beginnt eine schonungslose Ermittlung. Kinder zwischen sieben und achtzehn Jahre werden verhaftet, Familien werden auseinandergerissen. Und mitten in dieser Hexenjagd beweisen zwei verbotene Lieben, dass die Angelegenheiten des Herzens einen fatalen Preis fordern können. Ein mitreißender Roman, der auf einer wahren Begebenheit beruht.

The Great Wall BoD – Books on Demand

In the spring of 2004 - after living in Tokyo, Japan for over three years pursuing a career as a freelance musician - science fiction and fantasy author Domenico Italo Composto-Hart set off on a half-year backpacking journey through the lands of East and Southeast Asia, Siberia, Central Russia, the Baltic states, the Nordic countries, and Eastern and Western Europe. Traveling by foot, bus, train, and boat - and seeing the world through the analytical lens of anthropology, archaeology, and economics - Domenico documents, researches, and deciphers the developing nations he encounters as they rise through the turbulence of unregulated Western capitalism and globalization. Travels in the Land of Hunger is the author's reflective account of the dark, long-lasting impact of Western colonialism and imperialism, the Vietnam War, the Khmer Rouge regime, the 1997 Asian financial crisis, and the sex tourism and sex trafficking industries in Southeast and East Asia. It is also a narrative of finding exotic beauty, inspiration, inner strength, and unexpected love.

Genghis Khan Random House

The Terracotta Army is one of the greatest, and most famous, archaeological discoveries of all time. 6,000 life-size figures of warriors and horses were interred in the Mausoleum of the First Emperor of China - each is individually carved, and they are thought to represent real members of the emperor's army. This is the remarkable story of their creation, the man who ordered them made, their rediscovery and their continuing legacy as a pre-eminent symbol of Chinese greatness. The First Emperor, Qin Shi Huang, was king of the Chinese state of Qin and the first man to unite China into a single empire. He built the first Great Wall and brought a single written script to the whole country. He was an inspired and ruthless ruler, but one also beset by paranoia and a desire for immortality. He is still considered the founding father of the modern state of China. On his death in 210 BC he was buried in a giant mausoleum near modern-day Xi'an. Legends of the treasures contained therein still tantalize the imagination today. In 1974 local farmers digging a well for water broke through into the burial mound and found the first of the Terracotta warriors. Further excavations have revealed the full splendour of the buried army. But the majority of the mausoleum is yet to be opened, including the burial chamber itself - myth tells us that amongst the treasures yet to be uncovered is a vast map of the First Emperor's kingdom with rivers marked with channels of flowing mercury. The story of the First Emperor and the Terracotta Army is a fascinating one, not least for the discoveries yet to be made.

Die Troerinnen Pustaka Alvabet

This is a story of adventure, passion and intrigue in man's quest for a written language, and although today many languages around the world divide humanity, the alphabet largely unites mankind. This book traces the history of the written word.

Xanadu Da Capo Press

Abenteuerlicher Fußmarsch durch das Reich der Mitte Rob Lilwall macht sich gemeinsam mit dem Kameramann Leon Mc-Carron zu Fuß auf den Weg von der Mongolei nach Hause: Hongkong. Als sie einem Mongolen beim Tee in seiner Jurte ihr Vorhaben erklären, schreit der Mann nur: »China!« Sein Blick verfinstert sich, er schüttelt den Kopf und fährt sich mit der Hand über die Kehle. »Die Kehle aufschlitzen ... Will er das mit den Chinesen machen, oder denkt er, die Chinesen werden sie uns aufschlitzen?«, fragen sich die beiden. So beginnt ihre außergewöhnliche Reise. Sie laufen durch die Wüste Gobi, besuchen am Weg liegende Kulturstätten und durchqueren riesige Industriegebiete. Der Fußmarsch ist beschwerlich, die Strapazen sind gewaltig, und immer wieder geschieht Unerwartetes: Wegen fehlender Genehmigungen für ihre journalistischen Arbeiten werden sie in Polizeiverhöre verwickelt, sie geraten versehentlich in militärisches Sperrgebiet, das auf den Karten nicht verzeichnet ist, Abkürzungen erweisen sich als Sackgassen, und als ihnen das Geld ausgeht, findet sich kein Bankautomat ... Ein spannender und sympathischer Reisebericht, humorvoll und anregend geschrieben, der tiefe Einblicke in das heutige China gewährt.

Attila Y Lolfa

Genghis Khan is history's greatest conqueror. Genghis was far from just the tyrant that history records, but rather a leader of exceptional vision and modernity. This title re-examines the life of Genghis Khan to discover the qualities, characteristics and strategies that made him the great leader that he was.

Kublai Khan The Terracotta Army

Der Krieg der Sterne geht weiter - und wie Luke Skywalker oder Han Solo sind auch der X-Wing-Pilot Wedge Antilles und die Sonderstaffel stets an vorderster Front zu finden, wenn es darum geht, die Schergen des Imperiums zu bekämpfen.

Alpha Beta Simon Pridmore

Chronicles the life of Attila the Hun, focusing on his conflicts with the Roman Empire, his influence over the history of Europe, his image in the modern world, his reputation for savagery, and other related topics.

SAMURAI Macmillan

Asiens Antwort auf den westlichen Imperialismus: »Provokant, beschämend und überzeugend« The Times Nachdem die letzten Erben des Mogul-Reiches getötet und der Sommerpalast in Peking zerstört war, schien die asiatische Welt vom Westen besiegt. Erstmals erzählt der Essayist und Schriftsteller Pankaj Mishra, wie in dieser Situation Intellektuelle in Indien, China und Afghanistan eine Fülle an Ideen entwickelten, die zur Grundlage für ein neues Asien wurden. Sie waren es, die Mao und Gandhi inspirierten und neue Strömungen des Islam anregten. Von hier aus nahmen die verschiedenen Länder ihren jeweiligen Weg in die Moderne. Unterhaltsam und eindringlich schildert Pankaj Mishra die Entstehung des antkolonialen Denkens und seine Folgen. Ein Buch, das einen völlig neuen Blick auf die Geschichte der Welt bietet und den Schlüssel liefert, um das heutige Asien zu verstehen. »Brillant. Mishra spiegelt den tradierten westlichen Blick auf Asien zurück. Moderne Geschichte, wie sie die Mehrheit der Weltbevölkerung erfahren hat - von der Türkei bis China. Großartig.« Orhan Pamuk »Lebendig ... fesselnd ... ›Aus den Ruinen des Empires‹ hat die Kraft, nicht nur zu belehren, sondern zu schockieren.« Mark Mazower, Financial Times

The Terracotta Army Pustaka Alvabet

A fantasy thriller for 9 to 12 year olds. This is the third book in The Spirit of the Dragon trilogy. Huw finds himself back in time in the year 590 AD but travels further back with his friends to meet Qin, the first Emperor of China, using a powerful talisman in his attempts to overcome evil forces.

Saladin Random House

The Terracotta Army of Qin Shihuangdi, the First Emperor of China, is one of the most spectacular and best-known finds in world archaeology. It was discovered by surprise in 1974 by peasants digging a well an 8,000-man garrison in battle-ready formation, spread across four pits. Here were life-size warriors made over two thousand years ago from fired clay (originally brightly painted), carrying real weapons: cavalry, archers and infantry; lowly foot soldiers and high-ranking officers; horses and war chariots. But who was this powerful Emperor of the Qin Dynasty who needed an army to guard him in the afterlife? How were the figures made? How could they have been manufactured on such a vast scale? The astonishing facts behind the figures are revealed in this little books fascinating introduction. Individual pieces are then examined in detail to illustrate the amazing nature of the Terracotta Army. Not only are there figures of different ranks and units, but each head is unique: every racial group in China seems to be represented; facial expressions and hairstyles vary; ages and characters are different. Atmospheric photography and extended captions bring the Army to life and make this book a perfect introduction to what has often been described as the eighth Wonder of the World.

Star Wars. X-Wing. Die teuflische Falle Walter de Gruyter GmbH & Co KG

Every new and groundbreaking archaeological discovery refines our understanding of human history. This title examines the exploration and study of Emperor Qin's terra-cotta army. The book explores the mausoleum's creation, traces its discovery and scientific investigation, and discusses future study and conservation efforts. Well-placed sidebars, vivid photos, helpful maps, and a glossary enhance readers' understanding of the topic.

Additional features include a table of contents, a selected bibliography, source notes, and an index, plus a timeline and essential facts. Aligned to Common Core standards and correlated to state standards. Essential Library is an imprint of Abdo Publishing, a division of ABDO.

The Emperor Dies Prestel Verlag

The world was first unified 1,000 years ago. When Leif the Lucky and his Viking explorers linked Europe and America with their settlement at Vinland it marked a profound change in the world. Suddenly, almost every region on earth was in touch with its neighbours, spanning continents and oceans. For a few years, it was in theory possible to send a message all the way round the world. At the time, no one could possibly have known this, or what it would lead to. But in hindsight the early 11th century gives us a brief hint of today's global unity. But what was the world like 1,000 years ago?

What would a traveller have seen as they ventured across the continents? John Man circles the globe at the turn of the millennium to explore its major cultures, revealing many surprises. Islam was confident and curious, Europe was just awakening after its dark-age slumber, and Asia was home to the world's most refined civilizations, while some aboriginal peoples were modifying age-old ways in Australia, Africa and the Americas. A Viking Odyssey is a fascinating and sumptuous account of the world in the year 1,000, bringing to life the diversity of human cultures, from hunter-gatherers to sophisticated city-dwellers, and the links between them. This book is a revised edition of Atlas of the Year 1,000, with new contributions from John Man. "A splendidly conceived and executed idea." Dr. John Roberts, The New Penguin History of the World. "Just brilliant. A real contribution to world history." Prof. Robert Moore, University of Newcastle. "A splendid accomplishment." Dean R. Snow, Professor and Head of Anthropology, Pennsylvania State University. "A wealth of fascinating information." Ray Inskoop, formerly Professor of Archaeology, University of Cape Town. "A fascinating snapshot of all corners of the world at the dawn of the global age" David Northrup, Dept of History, Boston College, USA. "A fresh look at the world at the dawn of the past millennium". Science News. "The most original of all the spate of books that came out during the millennium." Michael Palin.

JOHN MAN is a bestselling historian and traveller specializing in Central Asia (in particular Mongolia). Genghis Khan: Life, Death and Resurrection is a best-seller in 21 languages. His other books include Attila the Hun, Kublai Khan, The Terracotta Army, and The Great Wall. In 2014, Xanadu was published in the US as Marco Polo, to accompany the Netflix TV series. His most recent book, Saladin, appeared in April 2015. Endeavour Press is the UK's leading independent digital publisher. For more information on our titles please sign up to our newsletter at www.endeavourpress.com. Each week you will receive updates on free and discounted ebooks. Follow us on Twitter: @EndeavourPress and on Facebook via <http://on.fb.me/1HweQV7>. We are always interested in hearing from our readers. Endeavour Press believes that the future is now.

Attila S. Fischer Verlag

Wie Objekte zu den gefeiertsten Ikonen der Kunstgeschichte wurden Von der Venus de Milo, über Leonardo da Vincis Mona Lisa bis hin zu Edvard Munchs Gemälde Der Schrei - der Kunsttourismus boomt, wie die hohen Besucherzahlen in Museen weltweit zeigen. Was aber macht diese Kunstwerke für uns so attraktiv? Dieses Buch widmet sich 25 Ikonen der Kunst, deren populärer Ruhm bis heute prägend ist für Literatur, Musik, Film und die Kunstwelt allgemein. Die Autorin erklärt anschaulich, welche Faktoren dazu beitrugen, dass ein Kunstwerk zur Ikone wurde, welchen Einfluss diese Werke auf Generationen von Betrachtern bis heute genommen haben und wie sie Teil unseres kulturellen Gedächtnisses wurden.

The Terracotta Warriors Pustaka Alvabet

Genghis Khan is one of history's immortals, alive in memory as a scourge, hero, military genius and demi-god. To Muslims, Russians and westerners,

he is a murderer of millions, a brutal oppressor. Yet in his homeland of Mongolia he is the revered father of the nation, and the Chinese honor him as the founder of a dynasty. In his so-called Mausoleum in Inner Mongolia, worshippers seek the blessing of his spirit. In a supreme paradox, the world's most ruthless conqueror has become a force for peace and reconciliation. As a teenager, Genghis was a fugitive, hiding from enemies on a remote mountainside. Yet he went on to found the world's greatest land empire and change the course of world history. Brilliant and original as well as ruthless, he ruled an empire twice the size of Rome's until his death in 1227 placed all at risk. To secure his conquests and then extend them, his heirs kept his death a secret, and secrecy has surrounded him ever since. His undiscovered grave, with its imagined treasures, remains the subject of intrigue and speculation. This is more than just a gripping account of Genghis' rise and conquests. John Man uses first-hand experiences in China and Mongolia to reveal the khan's enduring influence. He has traveled the length of the empire. He spotlights the tension between Mongols and Chinese, who both claim Genghis' spirit. He is the first writer to explore the hidden valley where Genghis is believed to have died, and one of the few westerners to climb the mountain where he was likely buried. This stunning narrative paints a vivid picture of the man himself, the places where he lived and fought, and the passions that surround him still. For in legend, ritual and intense controversy, Genghis lives on.

[Emperor Qin's Terra-Cotta Army](#) Macmillan

The Terracotta Army Random House

[DuMont Reiseabenteuer Zu Fuß durch China](#) Walter de Gruyter

In the spring of 2009, Simon Pridmore and his wife Sofie travelled for 15,000 kilometres overland through Russia, Mongolia and China. A trip that started off as an adventure ended up being an education. Everywhere they stopped they found people and cultures on the cusp of change. This was a watershed period for many nations that found themselves having to deal with the challenges of a new century, while still recovering from the consequences of the tumultuous events of the previous one. Simon tells the tale of the journey with insight and wit as he and Sofie cross two continents, taking plenty of time out from the train to go off piste into the Siberian hinterland, Mongolian desert and Chinese cities. They go scuba diving in a glacier lake in the Altai Mountains and then again in Baikal, the world's largest and deepest lake, just after the ice has melted. They practice herding goats on camelback in the Gobi Desert, are entertained by Siberian marching bands, nose flute players and outdoor ballroom

dancers and survive potentially life-threatening close encounters with encephalitis ticks, smiling provodnitsas and Mongolian cuisine. This is a story that will make you think about how lives are lived in far-flung regions. It will teach you how to use the toilet on a Chinese train without coming to grief, how to bathe naked with dignity in a mountain stream and how not to panic when smugglers hide contraband in secret panels in the ceiling of your train compartment. Most of all, this is a story that will make you want to pack a bag and hit the road yourself. "A vivid, witty account of a couple's no-frills travel across Eurasia. An inspiration to real travellers - Yes! It's Possible! Do it! - but also an entertainment for those who prefer their armchairs." John Man, author of Genghis Khan, Life, Death and Resurrection "This is great! I really enjoyed it. Under the Flight Path is entertaining and informative, written in a lively, engaging style and the narrative flows beautifully. There is plenty of historical and political comment to satisfy the reader's curiosity and it is packed full of useful tips and advice for travellers, from someone who really has been there and done it. Some of the stories made me laugh out loud. Lucky I was on my own and didn't have to keep on explaining what was so funny." Jackie Winter, author of Life in Tandem and Lipsticks and Library Books "Under the Flight Path is warm, candid and funny. I believe you get three types of travellers. Those who are there for physical experiences such as diving and trekking; those who look for social connection and those who are fascinated by the history and culture of a new place. Under the Flight Path, remarkably, combines all three. Simon and Sofie are seasoned travelling companions, and it is a pleasure to follow them as they navigate new, enriching and unexpected experiences" Amy Johnstone, author and founder of Story "A true and intrepid adventure by rail, bus, van and boat far off the beaten path in some of the most inhospitable terrain in the world: author Simon Pridmore has created a fast-paced page-turner featuring his special brand of humor, insight and knowledge of Russian and Asian culture and history. What a delight! This book is worth every togor. Great entertainment. Tim Rock, Lonely Planet author

A Viking Odyssey: Around the World 1,000 Years Ago S. Fischer Verlag

In this authoritative biography, historian John Man brings Saladin and his world to life with vivid detail in "a rollicking good story" (Justin Marozzi). As the man who united the Arabs and saved Islam from Christian crusaders in the twelfth century, Saladin is the Islamic world's preeminent hero. A ruthless defender of his faith and a brilliant leader, he also possessed qualities that won admiration from his Christian foes. But Saladin is far more than a historical hero. He is a symbol of hope for an Arab world once again divided, an immensely potent icon of religious and military resistance to the West. Saladin explores the life and enduring legacy of this champion of Islam while examining his significance for the world today.

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