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China between Empires Jun 26 2019 After the collapse of the Han dynasty in the third century CE, China divided along a north-south line. Mark Lewis traces the changes that both underlay and resulted from this split in a period that saw the geographic redefinition of China, more engagement with the outside world, significant changes to family life, developments in the literary and social arenas, and the introduction of new religions. The Yangzi River valley arose as the rice-producing center of the country. Literature moved beyond the court and capital to depict local culture, and newly emerging social spaces included the garden, temple, salon, and country villa. The growth of self-defined genteel families expanded the notion of the elite, moving it away from the traditional great Han families identified mostly by material wealth. Trailing the rebel movements that toppled the Han, the new faiths of Daoism and Buddhism altered every aspect of life, including the state, kinship structures, and the economy. By the time China was reunited by the Sui dynasty in 589 ce, the elite had been drawn into the state order, and imperial power had assumed a more transcendent nature. The Chinese were incorporated into a new world system in which they exchanged goods and ideas with states that shared a common Buddhist religion. The centuries between the Han and the Tang thus had a profound and permanent impact on the Chinese world.

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Records of the Grand Historian of China Apr 04 2020

Age of Empires Aug 01 2022 Spanning four centuries, from 221 B.C. to A.D. 220, the Qin and Han dynasties were pivotal to Chinese history, establishing the social and cultural underpinnings of China as we know it today. *Age of Empires: Art of the Qin and Han Dynasties* is a revelatory study of the dawn of China's imperial age, delving into more than 160 objects that attest to the artistic and cultural flowering that occurred under Qin and Han rule. Before this time, China consisted of seven independent states. They were brought together by Qin Shihuangdi, the self-proclaimed First Emperor of the newly unified realm. Under him, the earliest foundations of the Great Wall were laid, and the Qin army made spectacular advances in the arts of war—an achievement best expressed in the magnificent army of lifesize terracotta warriors and horses that stood before his tomb, seven of which are reproduced here. The Han built on the successes of the Qin, the increasing wealth and refinement of the empire reflected in dazzling bronze and lacquer vessels, ingeniously engineered lamps, and sparkling ornaments of jade and gold from elite Han tombs. But of all the achievements of the Qin-Han era, the most significant is, no doubt, the emergence of a national identity, for it was during this time of unprecedented change that people across the empire began to see themselves as one, with China as their common homeland. p.p1 {margin: 0.0px 0.0px 0.0px 0.0px; font: 14.0px Verdana} With its engaging, authoritative essays and evocative illustrations, *Age of Empires* provides an invaluable record of a unique epoch in Chinese history, one whose historic and artistic impact continues to resonate into the modern age.

Routledge Handbook of Early Chinese History Dec 13 2020 The study of early China has been radically transformed over the past fifty years by archaeological discoveries, including both textual and non-textual artefacts. Excavations of settlements and tombs have demonstrated that most people did not lead their lives in accordance with ritual canons, while previously unknown documents have shown that most received histories were written retrospectively by victors and present a correspondingly anachronistic perspective. This handbook provides an authoritative survey of the major periods of Chinese history from the Neolithic era to the fall of the Latter Han Empire and the end of antiquity (AD 220). It is the first volume to include not only a comprehensive review of political history but also detailed treatments of topics that transcend particular historical periods, such as: Warfare and political thought Cities and agriculture Language and art Medicine and mathematics Providing a detailed analysis of the most up-to-date research by leading scholars in the field of early Chinese history, this book will be useful to students and scholars of Chinese history, Asian archaeology, and Chinese studies in general.

The Han Dynasty Apr 28 2022 Presents information on the Han dynasty of China, including details about the society of the time, rituals and celebrations, advances in technology and trade, and the history of the Great Wall of China.

Men of the Cliffs and Caves May 06 2020

Records of the Grand Historian Oct 11 2020 Sima Qian (145?-90? BCE) was the first major Chinese historian. His *Shiji*, or *Records of the Grand Historian*, documents the history of China and its neighboring countries from the ancient past to his own time. These three volumes cover the Qin and Han dynasties.

[The Han Dynasty: A Historical Summary](#) [Chinese Ancient History Grade 6](#) [Children's Ancient History](#) Aug 09 2020 At the end of this book, you should

be able to enumerate the important contributions of the Han Dynasty not just to the history of China but also to the world. Read about how the empire started, developed, expanded and ended. Learn about silk roads and why they were very important. Get a copy today!

The Rise of the Chinese Empire: Frontier, immigration, and empire in Han China, 130 B.C.-A.D. 157 Nov 23 2021 Chun-shu Chang uses newfound documents to analyze the ways in which political, institutional, social, economic, military, religious, and thought systems developed and changed in the critical period from early China to the Han empire (ca. 1600 B.C. - A.D. 220). In addition to exploring the formation and growth of the Chinese empire and its impact on early nation-building and later territorial expansion, Chang also provides insights into the life and character of critical historical figures such as the First Emperor (221- 210 B.C.) of the Ch'in and Wu-ti (141- 87 B.C.) of the Han, who were the principal agents in redefining China and its relationships with other parts of Asia. As never before, Chang's study enables an understanding of the origins and development of the concepts of state, nation, nationalism, imperialism, ethnicity, and Chineseness in ancient and early Imperial China, offering the first systematic reconstruction of the history of Chinese acquisition and colonization.

Empires of Ancient Eurasia Mar 04 2020 Introduces a crucial period of world history when the vast exchange network of the Silk Roads connected most of Eurasia.

The Government of the Qin and Han Empires Sep 21 2021 In this concise volume, Michael Loewe provides an engaging overview of the government of the early empires of China. Topics discussed are: the seat of supreme authority; the structure of central government; provincial and local government; the armed forces; officials; government communications; laws of the empire; control of the people and the land; controversies; and problems and weaknesses of the imperial system. Enhanced by details from recently discovered manuscripts, relevant citations from official documents, maps, a chronology of relevant events, and suggestions for further reading keyed to each topic, this work is an ideal introduction to the ways in which China's first emperors governed.

Western Han Dynasty Jul 20 2021 Discover the remarkable history of the Western Han Dynasty... The history of the Western Han dynasty reveals a time of magnificence for China: a time when the country expanded its territory, perfected the weaving of silk to such an extent that a trade route extending from China all the way to Rome would take its name from that prized export, and capitalized upon the technological advances within its country to witness an agricultural revolution that predated Europe's farming innovations by hundreds of years. The Western Han dynasty was a lineage that began with the rise to power of a peasant, capable and far-sighted, whose scorned wife retaliated against his favorite consort after his death in a brutal manner. Women had their defined role in the hierarchy of the court, and although they could not inherit the Dragon Throne, their influence was made known through their roles as the wife of the emperor and then as the mother and grandmother of the coming emperors. The domestic alliances of the imperial family were quite often at odds with the wishes of the emperor himself, creating a volatile mix of ambition and retribution. Under the Western Han rulers, China established its impressive reputation in the Ancient World, a reputation which rivaled that of the Roman Empire across the continents. Discover a plethora of topics such as The Rise of the Han Lu Zhi: The First Woman to Rule China Emperor Wu and the Celestial Horses A Commoner Takes the Dragon Throne The Golden Age of China The Usurper Emperor: The Fall of the Western Han Dynasty And much more! So if you want a concise and informative book on the Western Han Dynasty, simply scroll up and click the "Buy now" button for instant access!

The Ancient Highlands of Southwest China Jul 08 2020 Although long considered to be a barren region on the periphery of ancient Chinese civilization, the southwest massif was once the political heartland of numerous Bronze Age polities. Their distinctive material tradition--intricately cast bronze kettle drums and cowrie shell containers--has given archaeologists and historians a glimpse of the extraordinary wealth, artistry, and power exercised by highland leaders over the course of the first millennium BC. In the first century BC, Han imperial conquest reduced local power and began a process of cultural assimilation. Instead of a clash between center and periphery or barbarism and civilization, this book examines the classic study of imperial rule as a confrontation between different political temporalities. The author provides an archaeological account of the southwest where Bronze Age landscape formations and funerary traditions bring to light a history of competing warrior cultures and kingly genealogies. In particular, the book illustrates how mourners used funerals and cemetery mounds to transmit social biographies and tribal affiliations across successive generations. Han incorporation thus entangled the orders of state time with the generational cycles of local factions, foregrounding the role of time in the production of power relations in imperial frontiers. The book extends approaches to empires to show how prehistoric time frames continue to shape the futures of frontier subjects despite imperial efforts to unify space and histories.

The Archaeology of Early China Dec 25 2021 This volume aims to satisfy a pressing need for an updated account of Chinese archaeology. It covers an extended time period from the earliest peopling of China to the unification of the Chinese Empire some two thousand years ago. The geographical coverage includes the traditional focus on the Yellow River basin but also covers China's many other regions. Among the topics covered are the emergence of agricultural communities; the establishment of a sedentary way of life; the development of sociopolitical complexity; advances in lithic technology, ceramics, and metallurgy; and the appearance of writing, large-scale public works, cities, and states. Particular emphasis is placed on the great cultural variations that existed among the different regions and the development of interregional contacts among those societies.

Fire Over Luoyang Sep 29 2019 Rafe de Crespigny provides the first account in a Western language of one of the great dynasties of China, which dominated east Asia but collapsed in dramatic fashion at the end of the second century AD.

Lu Jia's New Discourses Feb 12 2021 Lu Jia's New Discourses: A Political Manifesto from the Early Han Dynasty is a translation by Paul R. Goldin and Elisa Levi Sabattini of a handbook by Lu Jia (c. 228-140 BCE) on the reasons for the rise and fall of empires.

"Turmoil" May 30 2022 A historical fiction novel that recounts several famous events from late 2nd Century Chinese history and details the early careers of future heroes of the Three Kingdoms era

The History of the Former Han Dynasty Mar 16 2021

Liu Bang Biography Nov 11 2020 Welcome to Chinese Biography series. In this book, we will discover the life of Liu Bang (刘邦, 256 BC-195 BC), the founder of China's Han Dynasty. Liu Bang, also known as Han Gaozu (高祖), ruled the Han Empire from 206 BC to 195 BC. Paperback- www.amazon.com/dp/195564781X Kindle- www.amazon.com/dp/B09YVNF5MK The Biography series is dedicated to helping Mandarin Chinese learners improve Chinese reading skills. In this series, we will discover lives of some of the most famous people in Chinese history. Each book will introduce a famous Chinese personality whose contributions were immense to shape China's future. The books in Biography series contain numerous lessons in Mandarin Chinese. We start with a brief introduction of the book in the preface (前言), a brief introduction to the person, and continues to dig his life and relevant issues. Each book contains 6 to 10 chapters made of simple Chinese sentences. For the readers' convenience, a comprehensive list of words (vocabulary) has been provided at the beginning of each chapter. The pinyin for the Chinese text is provided after the main text. Further, to enforce a deeper learning, the English interpretation of the Chinese text has been purposely excluded from the books. This would help the readers think deeply about the contents the way native Chinese do. In order to help the students of Mandarin Chinese remember important characters, words, long words, idioms, etc., these entities have been purposely repeated throughout the book, and across the books in the series. Taken together, the books in Biography series will tremendously help readers improve their Chinese reading skills. I blog at: www.QuoraChinese.com

The Political Economy of the Han Dynasty and Its Legacy Jan 26 2022 This book contains original essays on various aspect of the Han's political economy and its legacy, written by leading Chinese and Western scholars whose collective expertise spans Economic History, History of Economic Thought and Sinology.

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The Roman Empire and the Silk Routes May 18 2021 A fascinating history of the intricate web of trade routes connecting ancient Rome to Eastern civilizations, including its powerful rival, the Han Empire. The Roman Empire and the Silk Routes investigates the trade routes between Rome and the powerful empires of inner Asia, including the Parthian Empire of ancient Persia, and the Kushan Empire which seized power in Bactria (Afghanistan), laying claim to the Indus Kingdoms. Further chapters examine the development of Palmyra as a leading caravan city on the edge of Roman Syria. Raoul McLaughlin also delves deeply into Rome's trade ventures through the Tarim territories, which led its merchants to the Han Empire of ancient China. Having established a system of Central Asian trade routes known as the Silk Road, the Han carried eastern products as far as Persia and the frontiers of the Roman Empire. Though they were matched in scale, the Han surpassed its European rival in military technology. The first book to address these subjects in a single comprehensive study, *The Roman Empire and the Silk Routes* explores Rome's impact on the ancient world economy and reveals what the Chinese and Romans knew about their rival Empires.

A Short History of the Chinese People Jul 28 2019 A Short History of the Chinese People by CARRINGTON GOODRICH. Contents include: Preface to the First Edition xiii Preface to the Third Edition xvii L The Beginnings of the Chinese i The Prehistoric Period The Historic Period the Shang ca. 1523-1028 B. C. The Chou ca. 1027-256 B. C. The Early Chou The Middle and Late Chou II. The First Empires 31 The Chin 221-207 B - C The Han The Early or Western Han 202 B. C.-A. D. 9 An Interregnum The Hsin Dynasty A. D. 9-23 The Later Han A. D. 25-220 Han Culture III. The Period of Political Disunion 58 The Three Kingdoms and Western Tsin A. D. 220-317 The Eastern Tsin and the Turkic Hsiung-nu Mongol Dynasties 317-420 The Wei in North China, and the Sung, Chi, Liang, and Chen Dynasties in the South 420-589 IV. A Reunited China The Sui and the Pang 590-906 The Sui 590-618 The Tang Dynasty 618-906 Religion and Culture Under the Sui and the Tang V. Disunion the Sung and the Partition of the North and Northwest 143 The Five Dynasties and the Ten Independent States The Sung 960-1279 The Khitan, Tangut, and Jurchen VI. The Mongols The Yttan Dynasty, 1260-1368 171 VII. A Chinese House The Ming, 1368-1644 189 VIII. The Ching, or Manchu, Dynasty 1644-1912 214 IX. The Republic 1912-23 2 Appendixes Supplementary Readings 24-7 Chronological Table 259 Chronological Chart 261 List of Chinese Characters 263 Index 273 Paleolithic Sites in East Asia 3 Neolithic Sites in East Asia 6 Black Pottery Sites in China 9 Shang Dominion 1 1 Early Chou 20 Middle Chou 22 Late Chou 25 The First Empire Chin 33 The Han Empire 44 The Three Kingdoms 59 Routes of Chinese Pilgrims 107 Pang Empire 122 The Sung, Tangut Hsi-Hsia, and Liao Empires 147 The Mongol Empire 1 77 Ming 191 Cruises of Ming Admirals 1 93 Empire of the Manchus 217 Illustrations ILLUSTRATIONS WILL BE FOUND FOLLOWING PAGE 140 PLATE I. Digging for the remains of Paleolithic man, near Peking II. Gorillaj Peking manj modern Chinese j v Prehistoric painted pot from Kansu V. Early bronze vessel, ca. 1300-900 B. C. VI. White pottery vessel, ca. 12th century B. C. VII. Earliest known form of Chinese writing, ca. 12th century B. C. VIII. Documents on wood of Han date IX. Sundial, with a reconstruction of the suggested form of gnomon in place X. How an ancient Chinese book was assembled XL House model painted pottery of Han dynasty 202 B. C.-A. D. 220 XII. Section of painting attributed to Ku K ai-chih fl. AJX. 350-400 XIII. Avalokitesvara, northern Wei dynasty A. D. 386-535 XIV. Detail, band of celestial musicians, from a stela, A. D. 551 XV. Front of a stupa, yth century A. D. XVI. Kneeling Bodhisattva from Tunhuang, 8th century A. D. XVII. Bronze mirror, Tang dynasty A. D. 618-906 xi Xli ILLUSTRATIONS XVIII. Wall painting The fight for Buddhas relics, Tang dynasty A. D. 618-906 XIX. Pottery figurines Ladies playing polo, Tang dynasty A. D. 618-906 XX. Part of oldest extant printed book The Diamond Sutra scroll, A. D. 868 XXI. Bowl, Ting ware, Sung dynasty A. D. 960-1279 XXII. Painting Bare willows and distant mountains, by Ma Yuan . A. D. 1200 XXIII. A mountain scene in China XXIV. The imperial palace library, Chien-lung period A. D. 1736-1795, Peking XXV. Two varieties of ephedra Preface to the ffirst Edition THE history of the Chinese people cannot often enough be told. Old as it is, new light is being shed on it every year. Mean while the Chinese are making history before our eyes. We need, as never before, to understand how they have come in our time to make such a sacrificial defense of a way of life that is theirs as much as it is our own. The Chinese are different from us at the same time they are more like us than the people of India, of Annam, or of Japan...

The Han Dynasty Jun 30 2022 *Includes pictures *Includes ancient accounts *Includes online resources and a bibliography for further reading Even before the first Chinese dynasty, complex societies inhabiting the area now known as China organized into settlements, and the most important settlements were protected by rammed earth walls. The first dynasty, the Shang (1600-1050 BCE), built large walls as early as around 1,550 BCE. Differing from later walls, which were built along a strategic defense line, these walls were built to enclose the settlements and areas. The Shang would eventually be conquered from the west by the Zhou Dynasty (1046-256 BCE), which developed a complex system of government. In fact, it was the Zhou system's decline that Confucius (551-479 BCE) witnessed and drew from greatly for his political philosophy. The Zhou also created walled cities, and it was at this time that the first major conflicts with northern tribesman, the Xianyun, were recorded As the newly independent states vied for supremacy in a state of constant warfare, northern barbarians were also a constant menace. Eventually, the Chinese succeeded in eliminating many of those on their immediate northern border, but it was a bittersweet victory because it meant there was no longer a buffer between China and the even fiercer Mongols further north. This new proximity led to increased cultural exchange, as well as the Chinese adoption of nomadic fighting techniques. Ultimately, it was the wall of the state of Qi that was the first to earn the name great (literally: long) wall, because the state of Qin proved most adept at the new warfare and conquered all the others. It was this dynasty that unified the kingdoms under the name of China, but put simply, the Qin were a war machine. They defeated the Mongols north of the border and expanded their control there, while also fighting expansionary wars in all directions. The first Qin emperor died 11 years into his reign and was buried with the famous Terracotta warriors: These soldiers and equipment, all carved out of stone and other materials, formed an imperial army that would accompany the emperor into the afterlife. After the emperor's death, rebellion and strife took hold of the empire, and soon a new dynasty, the Han dynasty (206 BCE-220 CE), was founded. The previous emperor, Meng Tian, was forced to commit suicide, and the Han dynasty became known for maintaining a long period of wealth and prosperity during which Confucianism and other major intellectual trends in China flowered. However, they had trouble with the nomads in the north too, and after suffering decisive military defeats, the Han decided that only through a policy of peace and reconciliation could they manage relations with the Xiongnu. They offered material goods and marriages, and the border was secured, but walls were also still obviously necessary. Ultimately, the massive investment in military expansion and conquest reaped great rewards for the Han, but all came at a very dear cost to the empire. As a result of their growing militarism, the trend of using diplomacy slowly fell out of favor around the start of the 1st century CE, but even when the old structure of peace and diplomacy with the northerners was reinstated, the Xiongnu were asked to submit to a nominally inferior position in their relationship with China. It appeared to be a compromise that would benefit both sides, but soon afterward, a Han regent usurped power and the kingdom fell into civil war. The dynasty recovered at the time, but never fully, and it continued on the path of steady decline. *The Han Dynasty: The History and Legacy of Ancient China's Most Influential Empire* examines how the Han dynasty took control of China and the impact of their reign over several centuries.

The Early Chinese Empires Mar 28 2022 In 221 bc the First Emperor of Qin unified the lands that would become the heart of a Chinese empire. Though forged by conquest, this vast domain depended for its political survival on a fundamental reshaping of Chinese culture. With this informative book, we are present at the creation of an ancient imperial order whose major features would endure for two millennia. The Qin and Han constitute the "classical period" of Chinese history--a role played by the Greeks and Romans in the West. Mark Edward Lewis highlights the key challenges faced by the court officials and scholars who set about governing an empire of such scale and diversity of peoples. He traces the drastic measures taken to transcend, without eliminating, these regional differences: the invention of the emperor as the divine embodiment of the state; the establishment of a common script for communication and a state-sponsored canon for the propagation of Confucian ideals; the flourishing of the great families, whose domination of local society rested on wealth, landholding, and elaborate kinship structures; the demilitarization of the interior; and the impact of non-Chinese warrior-nomads in setting the boundaries of an emerging Chinese identity. The first of a six-volume series on the history of imperial China, *The Early Chinese Empires* illuminates many formative events in China's long history of imperialism--events whose residual influence can still be discerned today.

The Han Dynasty Sep 02 2022 Details the rule of the Han Dynasty of China from 206 B.C. to A.D. 220 and examines its literary, scientific, and artistic

achievements

The History of the Former Han Dynasty Feb 24 2022

Rome and China Apr 16 2021 Transcending ethnic, linguistic, and religious boundaries, early empires shaped thousands of years of world history. Yet despite the global prominence of empire, individual cases are often studied in isolation. This series seeks to change the terms of the debate by promoting cross-cultural, comparative, and transdisciplinary perspectives on imperial state formation prior to the European colonial expansion. Two thousand years ago, up to one-half of the human species was contained within two political systems, the Roman empire in western Eurasia (centered on the Mediterranean Sea) and the Han empire in eastern Eurasia (centered on the great North China Plain). Both empires were broadly comparable in terms of size and population, and even largely coextensive in chronological terms (221 BCE to 220 CE for the Qin/Han empire, c. 200 BCE to 395 CE for the unified Roman empire). At the most basic level of resolution, the circumstances of their creation are not very different. In the East, the Shang and Western Zhou periods created a shared cultural framework for the Warring States, with the gradual consolidation of numerous small polities into a handful of large kingdoms which were finally united by the westernmost marcher state of Qin. In the Mediterranean, we can observe comparable political fragmentation and gradual expansion of a unifying civilization, Greek in this case, followed by the gradual formation of a handful of major warring states (the Hellenistic kingdoms in the east, Rome-Italy, Syracuse and Carthage in the west), and likewise eventual unification by the westernmost marcher state, the Roman-led Italian confederation. Subsequent destabilization occurred again in strikingly similar ways: both empires came to be divided into two halves, one that contained the original core but was more exposed to the main barbarian periphery (the west in the Roman case, the north in China), and a traditionalist half in the east (Rome) and south (China). These processes of initial convergence and subsequent divergence in Eurasian state formation have never been the object of systematic comparative analysis. This volume, which brings together experts in the history of the ancient Mediterranean and early China, makes a first step in this direction, by presenting a series of comparative case studies on clearly defined aspects of state formation in early eastern and western Eurasia, focusing on the process of initial developmental convergence. It includes a general introduction that makes the case for a comparative approach; a broad sketch of the character of state formation in western and eastern Eurasia during the final millennium of antiquity; and six thematically connected case studies of particularly salient aspects of this process.

Daily Life in Ancient China Jun 18 2021 This book employs textual and archaeological material to reconstruct the various features of daily life in ancient China.

The Politics of the Past in Early China Jan 02 2020 History mattered to the political elite in ancient China. Leung explores why it was so important and to what end.

China Between Empires Jun 06 2020 The geography of the northern and southern dynasties -- The rise of the great families -- Military dynasticism in the northern and southern dynasties -- Cities in the northern and southern dynasties -- Rural society in the northern and southern dynasties -- China and the outside world in the northern and southern dynasties -- Kinship in the northern and southern dynasties -- Institutional religions in the northern and southern dynasties -- The literary field of the northern and southern dynasties

Heaven Is Empty Oct 30 2019 Offers a new perspective on the relationship between religion and the creation of the first Chinese empires. Heaven Is Empty offers a new comparative perspective on the role of the sacred in the formation of China's early empires (221 BCE–9 CE) and shows how the unification of the Central States was possible without a unitary and universalistic conception of religion. The cohesive function of the ancient Mediterranean cult of the divinized ruler was crucial for the legitimization of Rome's empire across geographical and social boundaries. Eventually reelaborated in Christian terms, it came to embody the timelessness and universality of Western conceptions of legitimate authority, while representing an analytical template for studying other ancient empires. Filippo Marsili challenges such approaches in his examination of the reign of Emperor Wu of the Han (141–87 BCE). Wu purposely drew from regional traditions and tried to gain the support of local communities through his patronage of local cults. He was interested in rituals that envisioned the monarch as a military leader, who directly controlled the land and its resources, as a means for legitimizing radical administrative and economic centralization. In reconstructing this imperial model, Marsili interprets fragmentary official accounts in light of material evidence and noncanonical and recently excavated texts. In bringing to life the courts, battlefields, markets, shrines, and pleasure quarters of early imperial China, Heaven Is Empty provides a postmodern and postcolonial reassessment of "religion" before the arrival of Buddhism and challenges the application of Greco-Roman and Abrahamic systemic, identity, and exclusionary notions of the "sacred" to the analysis of pre-Christian and non-Western realities. "Heaven Is Empty is a tour de force. It reveals Marsili's bold vision of early Chinese religion and his deft use of critical theory. The book will inspire scholars of early China for generations to come." — Miranda Brown, author of *The Politics of Mourning in Early China* and *The Art of Medicine in Early China: The Ancient and Medieval Origins of a Modern Archive*

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The Cambridge History of China: Volume 1, The Ch'in and Han Empires, 221 BC-AD 220 Dec 01 2019 International scholars and sinologists discuss culture, economic growth, social change, political processes, and foreign influences in China since the earliest pre-dynastic period

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The Culture of the Qin and Han Dynasties of China Oct 03 2022 The dynasties of ancient China ruled the country for centuries. The contributions of the leaders and people of this time have a legacy that can still be seen in Chinese culture today. This title begins with background information on China before the Qin conquest and ends with the end of the Han Dynasty in AD 220. Readers learn about life in Chinese cities and the countryside, as well as important social studies topics such as religion, class structure, education, family life, food, and clothing. By the end of this title, readers will understand how cultural life in Han China set a pattern that is still seen today.

The Archaeology of Early China Aug 28 2019 This book covers Chinese archaeology from the first people to the unification of the empire, emphasizing cultural variations and interregional contact.

The Establishment of the Han Empire and Imperial China Nov 04 2022 Examines the Han empire from political, geographical, material, and cultural perspectives.