



Terracotta Army

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The First Emperor Jane Portal, Standing guard around the tomb of Qin Shihuangdi the ranks of a terracotta army bear silent witness to the vast power of the First Emperor of the Qin Dynasty who unified China in 221 BCE Six thousand warriors and horses make up the army while chariots a military guard and a command post complete the host A new look at one of the most spectacular finds in the annals of archaeology this book also considers the historical and archaeological context of the Terracotta Army as well as the extensive research and excavation carried out since its discovery in 1974 In richly illustrated chapters experts in the field describe the Qin's rise and military conquest the empire's ideology and practices and the emperor's achievements and legacy The authors examine the site itself including new discoveries such as terracotta bureaucrats acrobats and strongmen life size bronze birds hundreds of suits of stone armor and terracotta warriors with colored faces preserved with new technology From explorations of the massive mausoleum and the rituals that surrounded it to explanations of the actual manufacture of the Terracotta Army the book offers a detailed and authoritative tour of one of ancient history's most eloquent memorials with all it says of China's long and coherent cultural past and future potential

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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

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