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A stunning
portrait of the
magnificent
splendor and
enduring
legacy of
ancient Persia

The
Achaemenid
Persian kings
ruled over the
largest empire
of antiquity,
stretching
from Libya to

the steppes of Asia and from Ethiopia to Pakistan. From the palace-city of Persepolis, Cyrus the Great, Darius, Xerxes, and their heirs reigned supreme for centuries until the conquests of Alexander of Macedon brought the empire to a swift and unexpected end in the late 330s BCE. In *Persians*, historian Lloyd Llewellyn-Jones tells the epic story of this dynasty and the world it ruled. Drawing on Iranian

inscriptions, cuneiform tablets, art, and archaeology, he shows how the Achaemenid Persian Empire was the world's first superpower—one built, despite its imperial ambition, on cooperation and tolerance. This is the definitive history of the Achaemenid dynasty and its legacies in modern-day Iran, a book that completely reshapes our understanding of the ancient

world.
From Cyrus to Alexander
 Penn State Press
 *Includes pictures
 *Includes excerpts of ancient accounts
 *Includes a bibliography for further reading
 Lying in the middle of a plain in modern day Iran is a forgotten ancient city: Persepolis. Built two and a half thousand years ago, it was known in its day as the richest city under the sun. Persepolis was the capital of

Achaemenid Persian Empire, the largest empire the world had ever seen, but after its destruction, it was largely forgotten for nearly 2,000 years, and the lives and achievements of those who built it were almost entirely erased from history. Alexander the Great's troops razed the city to the ground in a drunken riot to celebrate the conquest of the capital, after which time and sand buried it for

centuries. It was not until the excavations of the 1930s that many of the relics, reliefs, and clay tablets that offer so much information about Persian life could be studied for the first time. Through archaeological remains, ancient texts, and work by a new generation of historians, a picture can today be built of this remarkable civilization and their capital city. Although the city had been

destroyed, the legacy of the Persians survived, even as they mostly remain an enigma to the West and are not nearly as well understood as the Greeks, Romans, or Egyptians. In a sense, the Achaemenid Persian Empire holds some of the most enduring mysteries of ancient civilization. When considering this empire's rulers, the two most often referenced are Xerxes, the leader of the Persian

invasion of Greece which caused the heroic sacrifice of the Spartans and their allies at Thermopylae, or Cyrus the Great, the man who created the Persian Empire. But the Persians had another critical ruler sandwiched between them, and Cyrus's accomplishments and Xerxes's defeats would not have been possible without him. That king was Xerxes's own father, Darius I, best known

as Darius the Great. Darius I took the throne after the death of Cyrus's son, Cambyses II, and though his reign would not have been possible without the construction of the empire and the administrative groundwork laid by Cyrus the Great before him, Darius proved himself just as worthy of the epithet. Reigning for over 35 years, Darius kept control of the massive Persian Empire

despite numerous rebellions and uprisings, and he also managed to implement reforms and improvements that established the empire's golden age. He followed the example of Cyrus before him in his foreign policy and mode of kingship as well, offering tolerance and patience to various cultures and religions, and even treating his enemies fairly in most cases. Perhaps his

ultimate success can be seen most clearly in the passage of power at the end of his life. By that time, his reign had been long and stable, and though he died of illness somewhat unexpectedly, his kingdom was still so firmly established that the kingship passed to his son Xerxes without any question or upheaval. Under Darius the Great's rule, the empire reached its greatest

extent, stretching from the Indus Valley and Central Asia in the east to Libya and the Danube River in the west. Not surprisingly, the majority of surviving sources regarding the Persian rulers are the product of Greek writers, so it was inevitable that Darius has been depicted in unflattering terms for thousands of years. The details of his invasion of Greece cast him as the villain in the

dramatic Greek retelling of the Greco-Persian Wars. As usual, the truth lies far more towards the middle. A few individuals have undertaken to explore the true complexities of his character, and through these works and a few ancient sources, most particularly Herodotus, a more accurate picture can be derived, even if the bias of Greek accounts still colors the information. In

reality, very little objective information exists as to the personality and character of the king.

Cyrus the Great

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 Discovering
 Cyrus: The Persian Conqueror
 Astride the Ancient World
 Some of the most fascinating human epochs lie in the borderlands between history and mystery. So it is with the life of Cyrus the Great, founder of the Persian Empire in the sixth century

B.C. By conquest or gentler means, he brought under his rule a dominion stretching from the Aegean Sea to the Hindu Kush and encompassing some tens of millions of people. All across this immense imperium, he earned support and stability by respecting local customs and religions, avoiding the brutal ways of tyranny, and efficiently administering the realm through

provincial governors. The empire would last another two centuries, leaving an indelible Persian imprint on much of the ancient world. The Greek chronicler Xenophon, looking back from a distance of several generations, wrote: "Cyrus did indeed eclipse all other monarchs, before or since." The biblical prophet Second Isaiah anticipated Cyrus'

repatriation of the Jews living in exile in Babylon by having the Lord say, "He is my shepherd and will accomplish all that I please." Despite what he achieved and bequeathed, much about Cyrus remains uncertain. Persians of his era had no great respect for the written word and kept no annals. The most complete accounts of his life were composed by Greeks. More fragmentary or tangential

evidence takes many forms – among them, archaeological remains, administrative records in subject lands, and the always tricky stuff of legend. Given these challenges, Discovering Cyrus: The Persian Conqueror Astride the Ancient World is a remarkable feat of portraiture. In his vast sweep, Reza S. Zarghamee draws on sources of every kind, painstakingly

assembling detail, and always weighing evidence carefully where contradictions arise. He describes the background of the Persian people, the turbulence of the times, and the roots of Cyrus' policies. His account of the imperial era itself delves into religion, military methods, commerce, court life, and much else besides. The result is a living, breathing Cyrus

standing atop
a distant
world that
played a key
role in shaping
our own.

The life of

Cyrus Oxford
University
Press

I had to
accept that I
wasn't just
Arthur Leywin
anymore, and
that I could no
longer be
limited by the
circumstances
of my birth. If I
was going to
escape, if I
was going to
go toe-to-toe
with the most
powerful
beings in this
world, I
needed to
push myself to
my utmost
limit...and

then I needed
to push even
further. After
nearly dying
as a victim of
his own
strength,
Arthur Leywin
wakes to find
himself far
from the
continent
where he was
born for the
second time.
Alone, broken,
and with no
way to tell his
family he's
alive, Arthur
must rebuild
his strength to
survive. As he
ascends
through an
ancient
dungeon filled
with hostile
beasts and
devious trials,
he discovers
an ancient,

absolute
power - a
power that will
either ruin him
or take him to
new heights.

But the
dungeon
won't give up
its knowledge
easily. Before
he can
plunder its
depths, Arthur
must learn to
untangle the
threads of
fate. He must
band together
with the
unlikeliest of
allies if he
hopes to
escape with
his life.

King of the

World British
Museum Press
A richly-
illustrated and
important
book that

traces the rise and fall of one of the ancient world's largest and richest empires.

Cyrus the Great Anchor Around 550 B.C.E. the Persian people—who were previously practically unknown in the annals of history—emerged from their base in southern Iran (Fars) and engaged in a monumental adventure that, under the leadership of Cyrus the Great and his successors, culminated in the creation of

an immense Empire that stretched from central Asia to Upper Egypt, from the Indus to the Danube. The Persian (or Achaemenid, named for its reigning dynasty) Empire assimilated an astonishing diversity of lands, peoples, languages, and cultures. This conquest of Near Eastern lands completely altered the history of the world: for the first time, a monolithic State as vast as the future

Roman Empire arose, expanded, and matured in the course of more than two centuries (530–330) and endured until the death of Alexander the Great (323), who from a geopolitical perspective was “the last of the Achaemenids.” Even today, the remains of the Empire—the terraces, palaces, reliefs, paintings, and enameled bricks of Pasargadae, Persepolis, and Susa; the impressive royal tombs of

Naqsh-i Rostam; the monumental statue of Darius the Great-serve to remind visitors of the power and unprecedented luxury of the Great Kings and their loyal courtiers (the "Faithful Ones"). Though long eclipsed and overshadowed by the towering prestige of the "ancient Orient" and "eternal Greece," Achaemenid history has emerged into fresh light during the last two decades.

Freed from the tattered rags of "Oriental decadence" and "Asiatic stagnation," research has also benefited from a continually growing number of discoveries that have provided important new evidence- including texts, as well as archaeological , numismatic, and iconographic artifacts. The evidence that this book assembles is voluminous and diverse: the citations

of ancient documents and of the archaeological evidence permit the reader to follow the author in his role as a historian who, across space and time, attempts to understand how such an Empire emerged, developed, and faded. Though firmly grounded in the evidence, the author's discussions do not avoid persistent questions and regularly engages divergent interpretations

and alternative hypotheses. This book is without precedent or equivalent, and also offers an exhaustive bibliography and thorough indexes. The French publication of this magisterial work in 1996 was acclaimed in newspapers and literary journals. Now *Histoire de l'Empire Perse: De Cyrus a Alexandre* is translated in its entirety in a revised edition, with the author himself

reviewing the translation, correcting the original edition, and adding new documentation. Pierre Briant, *Chaire Histoire et civilisation du monde achéménide et de l'empire d'Alexandre*, Collège de France, is a specialist in the history of the Near East during the era of the Persian Empire and the conquests of Alexander. He is the author of numerous books. Peter T. Daniels, the translator, is an

independent scholar, editor, and translator who studied at Cornell University and the University of Chicago. He lives and works in New York City.
Cyrus the Great Truman Talley Books
Twenty-five hundred years ago Cyrus, a great Persian leader of wisdom and virtue, created the Persian Empire, conquered Babylon, freed forty thousand Jews from captivity, wrote mankind's first human rights

charter, and ruled over those he had defeated with respect and benevolence. The Iranians came to regard Cyrus as "The Father," the Babylonians as "The Liberator," and the Jews as "The Anointed of the Lord." The Greeks called him "The Law Giver," and a century after Cyrus's death, an admiring Xenophon of Athens wrote an epic account of Cyrus's many leadership principles at war and at

peace. By freshening the voice and style that Xenophon ascribed to Cyrus, [the author] has fashioned a more intimate Cyrus. A new generation of readers, including executives, managers, and military officers, can now learn from Cyrus's leaderships and wisdom in Xenophon's narrative.-- Back cover of book.
Cyrus the Great Turner Publishing Company
 Xenophon's masterpiece

The Education of Cyrus—a work admired by Machiavelli for its lessons on leadership—is at last available in a new English translation for a new century. Also known as the *Cyropaedia*, this philosophical novel is loosely based on the accomplishments of Cyrus the Great, founder of the vast Persian Empire that later became the archrival of the Greeks in the classical age. It offers an

extraordinary portrait of political ambition, talent, and their ultimate limits. The writings of Xenophon are increasingly recognized as important works of political philosophy. In *The Education of Cyrus*, Xenophon confronts the vexing problem of political instability by exploring the character and behavior of the ruler. Impressive though his successes are, however, Cyrus is also

examined in the larger human context, in which love, honor, greed, revenge, folly, piety, and the search for wisdom all have important parts to play. Wayne Ambler's prose captures the charm and drama of the work while also achieving great accuracy. His introduction, annotations, and glossary help the reader to appreciate both the engaging story itself

and the volume's contributions to philosophy. **CYRUS THE GREAT: The Conqueror Who Founded the First Persian Empire** Ilex Series Xerxes, Great King of the Persian Empire from 486–465 B.C., has gone down in history as an angry tyrant full of insane ambition. The stand of Leonidas and the 300 against his army at Thermopylae is a byword for courage, while the failure of

Xerxes' expedition has overshadowed all the other achievements of his twenty-two-year reign. In this lively and comprehensive new biography, Richard Stoneman shows how Xerxes, despite sympathetic treatment by the contemporary Greek writers Aeschylus and Herodotus, had his reputation destroyed by later Greek writers and by the propaganda of Alexander the

Great. Stoneman draws on the latest research in Achaemenid studies and archaeology to present the ruler from the Persian perspective. This illuminating volume does not whitewash Xerxes' failings but sets against them such triumphs as the architectural splendor of Persepolis and a consideration of Xerxes' religious commitments. What emerges is a nuanced

portrait of a man who ruled a vast and multicultural empire which the Greek communities of the West saw as the antithesis of their own values. *Cyrus the Great* Infobase Publishing The "History of Cyrus the Great" by Jacob Abbott is a truly magnificent account of the story of the life of Cyrus The Great, founder of the Persian empire. Narrated by two Greek historians

(Herodotus and Xenophenon), the life of Cyrus is brought to life once more in Abbott's great masterpiece. While the Iranians regarded Cyrus the Great as "The Father," Babylonian revered him as "The Liberator," Hellenes saw him as the "Law-Giver" and the Jews viewed him as "The Anointed of the Lord." Cyrus the Great was the emperor who proclaimed, at the pinnacle of power 2500

years ago, that ..". he would not reign over the people if they did not wish it." He also promised not to force any person to change his religion and faith and guaranteed freedom for all. The Charter of Cyrus the Great remains an important document that should be studied in the history of human rights. The first chapters in Jacob Abbott's classic tell about the birth of Cyrus the Great and

his visit to Media as a young prince when his grandfather Astyages was king of Media. Chapter 4-8 describes the accession of Cyrus to the throne, his conquest of Lydia and Babylon, and the liberation of Jews. Chapter 10 tells the story of Panthea, a Susian captive who was treated with dignity and respect, before being reunited with her Assyrian husband Arbadates (a general). The last chapter

tells about the death of Cyrus the Great. A very interesting read.

Dawn of the Greatest

Persian Mage Publishers

Cyrus the Great re-contextualizes Cyrus's epoch in light of recent scholarship.

Themes include: Mesopotamian antecedents of his religious policy, the idiosyncratic genesis of Persian imperial art; Babylonian exile and the Bible; Hellenistic and Arsacid

genealogical constructs; and his enigmatic evanescence in Sasanian and Muslim traditions. *Cyropaedia: Books I-IV* Yale University Press
Cyrus II of Persia was one of the greatest leaders that the world had ever known; he was the one in whose footsteps other empire builders would follow. From Alexander the Great to countless Roman emperors and Ottoman sultans-it was

the mighty shoes of Cyrus that they all attempted to fill. More than merely a successful conqueror, Cyrus the Great is known just as much for being a great liberator as he is known for his conquests. He was even credited in the Bible as the one who freed the Jews from their long-held Babylonian exile. By the time of his death, Cyrus controlled more land and people than anyone before him. In this book, you will

discover more about the following: The life of Cyrus the Great: both as a monarch and as a man. A dip into the milieu of cultures, influences, and worldviews of Cyrus's time Cyrus's multi-faceted Achaemenid Empire Mythology and religions of the era How Cyrus achieved harmony between conquerors and conquered The fall of the splendid city of Babylon

Cyrus the Great's legacy And so much more! Cyrus the Great: The Life and Legacy of the King Who Founded the Achaemenid Persian Empire looks at the life of the Persian leader and the major legacy he left. Along with pictures depicting important people, places, and events, you will learn about Cyrus the Great like never before **Discovering Cyrus: The Persian Conqueror Astride the**

Ancient World BoD - Books on Demand I am Cyrus is a powerful, intensely vivid and beautifully-written novel which dramatises the life, conquests and passions of Cyrus the Great, the heroic leader of the world's first great empire: the Persian Empire. *Day of Empire* Independently Published In 1906, a stilted English translation of Xenophon of Athens' story about Cyrus

the Great's military campaigns was published. Now, a century later, a much more accessible edition of one of history's most extraordinary and successful leaders is emerging. Among his many achievements, this great leader of wisdom and virtue founded and extended the Persian Empire; conquered Babylon; freed 40,000 Jews from captivity; wrote mankind's first

human rights charter; and ruled over those he had conquered with respect and benevolence. According to historian Will Durant, Cyrus the Great's military enemies knew that he was lenient, and they did not fight him with that desperate courage which men show when their only choice is "to kill or die." As a result the Iranians regarded him as "The Father," the Babylonians as "The Liberator," the

Greeks as the "Law-Giver," and the Jews as the "Anointed of the Lord." By freshening the voice, style and diction of Cyrus, Larry Hedrick has created a more contemporary Cyrus. A new generation of readers, including business executives and managers, military officers, and government officials, can now learn about and benefit from Cyrus the Great's extraordinary

achievements, which exceeded all other leaders' throughout antiquity. Cyrus The Great Cornell University Press Darius doesn't think he'll ever be enough, in America or in Iran. Hilarious and heartbreaking, this unforgettable debut introduces a brilliant new voice in contemporary YA. Winner of the William C. Morris Debut Award "Heartfelt, tender, and so utterly real. I'd

live in this book forever if I could." —Becky Albertalli, award-winning author of Simon vs. the Homo Sapiens Agenda Darius Kellner speaks better Klingon than Farsi, and he knows more about Hobbit social cues than Persian ones. He's a Fractional Persian—half, his mom's side—and his first-ever trip to Iran is about to change his life. Darius has never really fit in at home, and he's sure

things are going to be the same in Iran. His clinical depression doesn't exactly help matters, and trying to explain his medication to his grandparents only makes things harder. Then Darius meets Sohrab, the boy next door, and everything changes. Soon, they're spending their days together, playing soccer, eating faludeh, and talking for hours on a secret rooftop overlooking

the city's skyline. Sohrab calls him Darioush—the original Persian version of his name—and Darius has never felt more like himself than he does now that he's Darioush to Sohrab. Adib Khorram's brilliant debut is for anyone who's ever felt not good enough—then met a friend who makes them feel so much better than okay. The Beginning After The End Penguin The Cyrus

Cylinder is one of the most famous objects to have survived from the ancient world. The Cylinder was inscribed in Babylonian cuneiform on the orders of the Persian King Cyrus the Great (559-530BC) after he captured Babylon in 539BC. It is often referred to as the first bill of human rights as it appears to permit freedom of worship throughout the Persian Empire and to allow

deported people to return to their homelands. It is valued by people all around the world as a symbol of tolerance and respect for different peoples and different faiths, so much so that a copy of the cylinder is on display in the United Nations building in New York. This catalogue is being published in conjunction with the first ever tour of the object to the United States, along with sixteen

<p>other objects from the British Museum's collection. The book discusses how these objects demonstrate the innovations initiated by Persian rule in the Ancient Near East (550 BC-331 BC), a prime example being a gold plaque from the Oxus Treasure with the representation of a priest that shows the spread of the Zoroastrian religion. The book offers a new authoritative translation of</p>	<p>the Cyrus Cylinder by Irving Finkel and the publication of two fragments of a cuneiform tablet that show how the Cyrus Cylinder was most probably a proclamation and not just a foundation deposit. <i>The Travels of Cyrus, 2</i> Createspace Independent Publishing Platform The Jefferson Bible, or The Life and Morals of Jesus of Nazareth as it is formally titled, was a book constructed</p>	<p>by Thomas Jefferson in the latter years of his life by cutting and pasting numerous sections from various Bibles as extractions of the doctrine of Jesus. Jefferson's composition excluded sections of the New Testament containing supernatural aspects as well as perceived misinterpretations he believed had been added by the Four Evangelists. In 1895, the Smithsonian Institution</p>
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under the leadership of librarian Cyrus Adler purchased the original Jefferson Bible from Jefferson's great-granddaughter Carolina Randolph for \$400. A conservation effort commencing in 2009, in partnership with the museum's Political History department, allowed for a public unveiling in an exhibit open from November 11, 2011, through May 28, 2012,

at the National Museum of American History. *Darius the Great Is Not Okay* Readaclassic.com *Includes pictures *Includes excerpts of ancient accounts *Includes a bibliography for further reading "I am Cyrus the king, an Achaemenian." - An inscription found at the Persian capital of Pasargadae At one point in antiquity, the Achaemenid Persian

Empire was the largest empire the world had ever seen, but aside from its role in the Greco-Persian Wars and its collapse at the hands of Alexander the Great, it has been mostly overlooked. When it has been studied, the historical sources have mostly been Greek, the very people the Persians sought to conquer. Needless to say, their versions were biased. It was not until excavations in the region

during the 20th century that many of the relics, reliefs, and clay tablets that offer so much information about Persian life could be studied for the first time. Through archaeological remains, ancient texts, and work by a new generation of historians, a picture can today be built of this remarkable civilization and their most famous leaders. When considering this empire's rulers, the two

most often referenced are Xerxes, the leader of the Persian invasion of Greece which caused the heroic sacrifice of the Spartans and their allies at Thermopylae, or Cyrus the Great, the man who created the empire. While he was one of the most influential men in the ancient world, research on Cyrus the Great is simultaneously fascinating and frustrating. The Persians' ancestors did

not write (in fact, in their epic poems and myths, they claim that it was something taught to man by demons and therefore something to be avoided), and though the Iranians had taken up writing in their governmental and administrative functions by the time Cyrus lived, the kings still did not learn to write. Put simply, it was considered a functional skill, but not of the greatest importance. As a result,

while plenty of ancient sources mention the great Persian king, Persian sources themselves are rare, and those sources that do exist, such as the Babylonian Chronicle, are largely dry and state only the basic facts and large events. By contrast, Greek sources about Cyrus embrace the artistic aspect of their work so highly that the accuracy often comes into question, and sometimes deep scrutiny

is necessary to attempt to separate the fact from the fiction. In the end, the full truth about Cyrus and his reign may never be truly understood. Of course, this reality has deepened the mystique that surrounds Cyrus even to this day, and it has elevated his status from conqueror and king to enlightened humanist monarch and ideal ruler. In fact, a modern misconception based on the Cyrus Cylinder has labeled

him the first proponent of civil rights, though this is somewhat of an exaggeration. The argument hinges on the Cylinder being a unique artifact in listing the ideology by which Cyrus intended to rule, but it equally ignores the fact that such declarations were commonplace among kings of the ancient Near East and more a tool of monarchical propaganda than a sweeping declaration of

human rights. That said, Cyrus was a fair and rational leader, particularly compared to the many brutal kings and warlords of ancient times. The high praise he received, even from his enemies, must certainly not be dismissed, and the admiration directed toward him came from many other exceptional individuals, including Alexander the Great, a bitter enemy of the empire Cyrus

founded. Whatever the underlying issues, the incredible achievements of Cyrus distinguish him as one of the greatest kings in history, and his life, conquests, reforms, and rule continue to be of great interest over 2,500 years later. *Cyrus the Great: The Life and Legacy of the King Who Founded the Achaemenid Persian Empire* looks at the life of the Persian leader and the major legacy

he left. Along with pictures depicting important people, places, and events, you will learn about Cyrus the Great like never before. *Persians* Univ of California Press
In this sweeping history, bestselling author Amy Chua explains how globally dominant empires—or hyperpowers—rise and why they fall. In a series of brilliant chapter-length studies, she examines the most powerful

cultures in history—from the ancient empires of Persia and China to the recent global empires of England and the United States—and reveals the reasons behind their success, as well as the roots of their ultimate demise. Chua's analysis uncovers a fascinating historical pattern: while policies of tolerance and assimilation toward conquered peoples are essential for

an empire to succeed, the multicultural society that results introduces new tensions and instabilities, threatening to pull the empire apart from within. What this means for the United States' uncertain future is the subject of Chua's provocative and surprising conclusion. *The Education of Cyrus Creek Ridge* Publishing "The Life and Legacy of Cyrus the Great" details the life of

Cyrus II of Persia (c. 600-530 BC), the founder of the Achaemenid Empire, the first Persian Empire. Under his rule, which lasted c. 30 years, the empire embraced all the previous civilized states of the ancient Near East, expanded vastly and eventually conquered most of Western Asia and much of Central Asia. From the Mediterranean Sea and Hellespont in the west to the Indus

River in the east, Cyrus the Great created the largest empire the world had yet seen. He respected the customs and religions of the lands he conquered, which became a very successful model for centralized administration and

establishing a government working to the advantage and profit of its subjects. Cyrus the Great has been known for his innovations in building projects; he further developed the technologies that he found in the

conquered cultures and applied them in building the palaces of Pasargadae. He is also well recognized for his achievements in human rights, politics, and military strategy, as well as his influence on both Eastern and Western civilizations.