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China Under the Empress Dowager: Being the History of the Life and Times of Tzu Hsi, Comp. from State Papers and the Private Diary of the Comptroller A&C Black

In all the history of China, only two women ever conquered and held the heights of power. Both enjoyed long reigns characterized by ruthless intrigue; they maintained an iron grip at the center while the vast country was torn by rebellions and caught up i.

Two Years in the Forbidden City Franklin Watts

The story of three generations in twentieth-century China that blends the intimacy of memoir and the panoramic sweep of eyewitness history—a bestselling classic in thirty languages with more than ten million copies sold around the world, now with a new introduction from the author. An engrossing record of Mao's impact on China, an unusual window on the female experience in the modern world, and an inspiring tale of courage and love, Jung Chang describes the extraordinary lives and experiences of her family members: her grandmother, a warlord's concubine; her mother's struggles as a young idealistic Communist; and her parents' experience as members of the Communist elite and their ordeal during the Cultural Revolution. Chang was a Red Guard briefly at the age of fourteen, then worked as a peasant, a "barefoot doctor," a steelworker, and an electrician. As the story of each generation unfolds, Chang captures in gripping, moving—and ultimately uplifting—detail the cycles of violent drama visited on her own family and millions of others caught in the whirlwind of history.

China Under the Empress Dowager Algora Publishing

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Two Years in the Forbidden City Arkose Press

A biography of Empress Dowager Cixi who ruled over China from 1861 through 1908 that discusses how she rose to power and the challenges she faced as a leader.

Cixi Knopf

Two Years In The Forbidden City This book is about the small or hidden parts of Empress Dowager Cixi who was known to effectively controlled the chinese government in the late Ching Dynasty for 47 years. Empress Dowager Cixi was a concubine for Xianfeng Emperor and later became the empress dowager as soon as her son become the Tongzhi Emperor after the death of Xianfeng. She later appointed her nephew to become the next emperor on the death of her son.The Empress Dowager although

known to refused to adopt the western model of government, she however supported the technological and military reform to strengthen the goverment. Princess Derling wrote this memoirs during her involvement with the empress. Her father was one of the goverment member and had sent her for western schools for education. She was then well versed with English and French.Apart from doing the court ladies work, she did all the interpretation as and when Empress Dowager Cixi attended to foreign visitors. Empress Dowager Cixi The Last Empress Of China This book, Two Years In the Forbidden City is about the hidden story or small details from the perspective of the court lady whom the empress had favoured. In her view, Empress Dowager Cixi is not the monster of depravity depicted in the popular press and in the second and third hand accounts left by foreigners who had lived in Beijing. The Last Empress Of China was actually to her an aging woman who loved beautiful things, had many regrets about the past and the way she had dealt with the many crises of her long reign, and apparently trusted Der Ling enough to share many memories and opinions with her. Read the whole 20 Chapters about Empress Dowager Cixi in this interesting book Two Years In The Forbidden City and get your copy from us today.

Empress Dowager Cixi e-artnow

Profiles Cixi, the Empress of China, from being one of Emperor Xianfeng's concubines and her devious rise to power to the consequences of supporting the Boxers, an army of Chinese peasants who resisted reform with brutality.

China under the empress dowager, being the history of the life and time of Tzu hsi Hong Kong University Press

'Vivid and entertaining ... this is history as it plays upon the emotions. Empires crumble, hearts are broken' THE TIMES From the bestselling author of Red Azalea comes the much-anticipated sequel to Empress Orchid At the end of the nineteenth century China is rocked by foreign attacks and local rebellions. The only constant is the power wielded by one woman, Tzu Hsi, also known as Empress Orchid, who must face the perilous condition of her empire and devastating personal losses. In this sequel to the bestselling Empress Orchid, Anchee Min brings to life one of the most important figures in Chinese history, a very human leader who sacrifices all she has to protect both those she loves and her doomed empire.

Imperial Woman Simon and Schuster

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China Under the Empress Dowager Double 9 Booksllp

Excerpt from *China Under the Empress Dowager: Being the History of the Life and Times of Tzù Hsi* The Authors have been honoured by the following communication from His Royal Highness Prince Henry of Prussia concerning his audience with the Empress Dowager on the 15th of May 1898. The account herein given of the circumstances which led to the first reception of the ladies of the Diplomatic Body at the Court of Peking is of permanent interest, and the Authors gratefully avail themselves of the opportunity which presents itself, in preparing the revised edition of this work, to make it public. "Whilst holding an appointment as Rear-Admiral, Second in Command of the German Cruiser Squadron in China in 1898, I had the opportunity of visiting Peking and of being admitted to an audience before the late Empress Dowager and the late Emperor. "I was given to understand that an audience of this kind was quite out of the common, and that no European had, in the past, ever stood before a Chinese Empress so long as Chinese history existed, but that it had been Her Majesty's particular wish to receive me on this occasion, probably much against the wishes of her advisers, though perhaps her object was to prove that she was the sovereign in power. About the Publisher Forgotten Books publishes hundreds of thousands of rare and classic books. Find more at www.forgottenbooks.com This book is a reproduction of an important historical work. Forgotten Books uses state-of-the-art technology to digitally reconstruct the work, preserving the original format whilst repairing imperfections present in the aged copy. In rare cases, an imperfection in the original, such as a blemish or missing page, may be replicated in our edition. We do, however, repair the vast majority of imperfections successfully; any imperfections that remain are intentionally left to preserve the state of such historical works.

The Last Empress Forgotten Books

This is the story of two women from worlds that could not seem farther apart--imperial China and the American Midwest--who found common ground before and after one of the greatest clashes between East and West, the fifty-five day siege of the Beijing foreign legations known as the Boxer Uprising. Using diaries, letters and other sources, The Empress and Mrs. Conger traces the parallel lives of Empress Dowager Cixi and American ambassador's wife Sarah Pike Conger, which converged to alter their perspectives of each other and each other's worlds. Grant Hayter-Menzies is the author of *Imperial Masquerade: The Legend of Princess Der Ling* and the biographer of stage and screen stars Charlotte Greenwood and Billie Burke. "Sarah Conger's story is worth telling for many reasons. She occupied a

point in time that makes her interesting, but the author demonstrates that she is interesting in her own right—a flawed and fascinating individual whose story we want to read not for what we learn about Chinese history, but for what we learn about a woman profoundly typical of her era and class leading a life of determination in the belief that the right combination of positive attitudes and common sense must win out over adversity." -

Timothy Brook, University of British Columbia

China Under the Empress Dowager Forgotten Books

A New York Times Notable Book An NPR Best Book of the Year In 1852, at age sixteen, Cixi was chosen as one of Emperor Xianfeng's numerous concubines. When he died in 1861, their five-year-old son succeeded to the throne. Cixi at once launched a coup against her son's regents and placed herself as the true source of power—governing through a silk screen that separated her from her male officials. Drawing on newly available sources, Jung Chang comprehensively overturns Cixi's reputation as a conservative despot. Cixi's extraordinary reign saw the birth of modern China. Under her, the ancient country attained industries, railways, electricity, and a military with up-to-date weaponry. She abolished foot-binding, inaugurated women's liberation, and embarked on a path to introduce voting rights. Packed with drama, this groundbreaking biography powerfully reforms our view of a crucial period in China's—and the world's—history.

China Under the Empress Dowager National Geographic Books

Princess Der Ling's memoir, *Two Years in the Forbidden City*, details her time as the Empress Dowager Cixi's First Lady-in-Waiting and interpreter for her when she hosted foreign visitors. The 1911 revolution that toppled the Manchu or Qing empire offers fascinating insights into daily life at the Manchu court and the personality of the Empress. Explore the realm of China's most dreaded Empress. The first eyewitness account of the Imperial Court to be written by a Chinese aristocracy for Western readers was this authentic narrative. It offers a close-up perspective of the infamous Dowager Empress Tzu-Hsi during her final years of rule. "Two Years in the Forbidden City" is a fascinating journey into the grandeur and intrigue of China's last dynasty, enhanced with stunning visuals and extra historical annotations. Princess Der Ling had a unique viewpoint on the revered Empress because she was a close companion to one of the most exceptional women to rule China. With Princess Der Ling's narration and her astounding observations about not just the Empress but also living in one of the most sedate and enigmatic cities of its period, the book about the reign of Empress Dowager takes on a new life.

Empress Orchid Paw Prints

A New York Times Notable Book Empress Dowager Cixi

(1835–1908) is the most important woman in Chinese history. She ruled China for decades and brought a medieval empire into the modern age. At the age of sixteen, in a nationwide selection for royal consorts, Cixi was chosen as one of the emperor's numerous concubines. When he died in 1861, their five-year-old son succeeded to the throne. Cixi at once launched a palace coup against the regents appointed by her husband and made herself the real ruler of China—behind the throne, literally, with a silk screen separating her from her officials who were all male. In this groundbreaking biography, Jung Chang vividly describes how Cixi fought against monumental obstacles to change China. Under her the ancient country attained virtually all the attributes of a modern state: industries, railways, electricity, the telegraph and an army and navy with up-to-date weaponry. It was she who abolished gruesome punishments like "death by a thousand cuts" and put an end to foot-binding. She inaugurated women's liberation and embarked on the path to introduce parliamentary elections to China. Chang comprehensively overturns the conventional view of Cixi as a diehard conservative and cruel

despot. Cixi reigned during extraordinary times and had to deal with a host of major national crises: the Taiping and Boxer rebellions, wars with France and Japan—and an invasion by eight allied powers including Britain, Germany, Russia and the United States. Jung Chang not only records the Empress Dowager's conduct of domestic and foreign affairs, but also takes the reader into the depths of her splendid Summer Palace and the harem of Beijing's Forbidden City, where she lived surrounded by eunuchs—one of whom she fell in love, with tragic consequences. The world Chang describes here, in fascinating detail, seems almost unbelievable in its extraordinary mixture of the very old and the very new. Based on newly available, mostly Chinese, historical documents such as court records, official and private correspondence, diaries and eyewitness accounts, this biography will revolutionize historical thinking about a crucial period in China's—and the world's—history. Packed with drama, fast paced and gripping, it is both a panoramic depiction of the birth of modern China and an intimate portrait of a woman: as the concubine to a monarch, as the absolute ruler of a third of the world's population, and as a unique stateswoman.

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Dragon Lady

Imperial Woman is the fictionalized biography of the last Empress in China, Ci-xi, who began as a concubine of the Xianfeng Emperor and on his death became the de facto head of the Qing Dynasty until her death in 1908. Buck recreates the life of one of the most intriguing rulers during a time of intense turbulence. Tzu Hsi was born into one of the lowly ranks of the Imperial dynasty. According to custom, she moved to the Forbidden City at the age of seventeen to become one of hundreds of concubines. But her singular beauty and powers of manipulation quickly moved her

into the position of Second Consort. Tzu Hsi was feared and hated by many in the court, but adored by the people. The Empress's rise to power (even during her husband's life) parallels the story of China's transition from the ancient to the modern way.

China Under the Empress Dowager, Being the History of the Life and Times of Tzū Hsi

The author of the following narrative has peculiar qualifications for her task. She is a daughter of Lord Yü Keng, a member of the Manchu White Banner Corps, and one of the most advanced and progressive Chinese officials of his generation. -- Foreword.

China Under the Empress Dowager, Being the History of the Life and Times of Tzū Hsi. Compiled from State Papers and the Private Diary of the Comptroller of Her Household, [Ching Shan] by J. O. P. Bland and E. Backhouse...

About the life of the Empress Cixi, also called Tzu Hsi, who ruled China from 1861 to 1908.

China Under the Empress Dowager

"A fascinating novel, similar to Arthur Golden's *Memoirs of a Geisha* . . . A revisionist portrait of a beautiful and strong-willed woman" (Houston Chronicle). A San Francisco Chronicle Best Book of the Year From Anchee Min, a master of the historical novel, *Empress Orchid* sweeps readers into the heart of the Forbidden City to tell the fascinating story of a young concubine who becomes China's last empress. Min introduces the beautiful Tzu Hsi, known as Orchid, and weaves an epic of the country girl who seized power through seduction, murder, and endless intrigue. When China is threatened by enemies, she alone seems capable of holding the country together. In this "absorbing companion piece to her novel *Becoming Madame Mao*," readers and reading groups will once again be transported by Min's lavish evocation of the Forbidden City in its last days of imperial glory and by her brilliant portrait of a flawed yet utterly compelling woman who survived, and ultimately dominated, a male world (The New York Times). "Superb . . . [An] unforgettable heroine." —People "A sexually charged, eye-opening portrayal of the Chinese empire . . . with heart-wrenching scenes of desperate failure and a sensuality that rises off its heated pages." —Elle [China Under the Empress Dowager](#)

Two Years In The Forbidden City For a long time, Princess Der Ling was the most loved woman in-holding up to the Empress Dowager Cixi in the magnificent royal residence in Beijing. This book gives an exceptional and shockingly close representation of the Dragon Lady, who ruled China for a long time, and carried the nation to the edge of decimation. Der Ling alludes to the bigger political setting on numerous events. What develops is a private representation of the the life and character of the Empress Dowager, and a feeling of the inward activities of the exceptionally hidden universe of the royal castle.