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Semiramis' Legacy Mitchell Lane Publishers, Inc.
 Ancient Greek writers on Persian history give us a glimpse of the influential role played by some individual women at these courts, but these are sporadic and hardly reliable accounts of a few colourful femme fatales in the royal family, designed to show up the scandalous machinations of barbarian women gaining political control and causing the decline and effeminacy of the Persian kings. This book is the first to demonstrate the true importance of not only royal but non-royal women in Persia, with the benefit of contemporary Persian and Babylonian sources.
[The Culture and Social Institutions of Ancient Iran](#) Speedy Publishing LLC

A "brilliant feat of resurrection" (Tom Holland, author of *Dominion*), offering 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.

Ancient Persia Edinburgh University Press
 With unimaginable wealth, palace intrigues, birthday parties featuring fine wine and endless desserts, lavish architecture and gardens, an underground water system, and a 1,500-mile Royal Road, the ancient Persian Empire captures the imagination. Under Cyrus the Great, ancient Persia exploded into the world's first mega-empire, spanning three continents and over 40 percent of the global population at its zenith. The Achaemenid Empire stretched from India to Greece and from Russia's southern border to Egypt and the Sahara. It left an indelible mark on the history of Asia, Europe, and Africa. Step back in time to examine how the Persians impacted world history. How did they create a multi-ethnic empire that was ahead of its time in respecting all ethnicities and religions? With a captivating narrative that draws the reader in, this meticulously researched book will usher you

through ancient Persia's mesmerizing and magical history. Unpack these fascinating questions: Where were the origins of the Persians? How did they live in ancient times? What engineering feat helped the Medes and Persians conquer Babylon without a battle? How did Cyrus the Great overpower the entire Middle East? Did Xerxes really lead a million-man army into Greece? What queen served as a commander in the Persian navy? Why did a eunuch poison two kings and most of the royal males? How did Alexander the Great conquer the entire empire in lightning speed? And much, much more! To explore the stunning history of ancient Persia, scroll up and click the "add to cart" button!
Ancient Persia and Iranian Civilization British Museum Press
 The Achaemenid Persian Empire, at its greatest territorial extent under Darius I (r.522–486 BCE), held sway over territory stretching from the Indus River Valley to southeastern Europe and from the western Himalayas to northeast Africa. In this book, Matt Waters gives a detailed historical overview of the Achaemenid period while considering the manifold interpretive problems historians face in constructing and understanding its history. This book offers a Persian perspective even when relying on Greek textual sources and archaeological evidence. Waters situates the story of the Achaemenid Persians in the context of their predecessors in the mid-first millennium BCE and through their successors after the Macedonian conquest, constructing a compelling narrative of how the empire retained its vitality for more than two hundred years (c.550–330 BCE) and left a massive imprint on Middle Eastern as well as Greek and European history.
[Ancient Persia: An Enthralling Overview of the Achaemenid Persian Empire](#) I.B. Tauris
 The adventures of Samak, a trickster-warrior hero of Persia's thousand-year-old oral storytelling tradition, are beloved in Iran. Samak is an ayyar, a warrior who comes from the common people and embodies the ideals of loyalty, selflessness, and honor—a figure that recalls samurai, ronin, and knights yet is distinctive to Persian legend. His exploits—set against an epic background of palace intrigue, battlefield heroics, and star-crossed romance between a noble prince and princess—are as deeply rooted in Persian culture as are the stories of Robin Hood and King Arthur in the West. However, this majestic tale has remained little known outside Iran. Translated from the original Persian by Freydoon Rassouli and adapted by Prince of Persia creator Jordan Mechner, this timeless masterwork can now be enjoyed by English-speaking readers. A thrilling and suspenseful saga, Samak the Ayyar also offers a vivid portrait of Persia a thousand years ago. Within an epic quest narrative teeming with action and supernatural forces, it sheds light on the lives of ordinary people and their social worlds. This is the first complete English-language version of a treasure of world culture. The translation is grounded in the

twelfth-century Persian text while paying homage to the dynamic culture of storytelling from which it arose.

Pictorial History of Iran Pen and Sword

Today, you hear stories and see movies depicting the strength of the Persian Empire. You get to understand how and why Persian leaders made important decisions.studying ancient history will allow you to see, appreciate and learn from the connections of the past and the present. This will lead to better decision making skills. Grab a copy now.

[Shadows in the Desert](#) Edinburgh University Press

Explore the Captivating History of the Persian Empire Students of ancient history are well aware of the Persians. A still-present cultural and linguistic group, the Persians are the founders of today

A History of Ancient Persia Bloomsbury Publishing USA

This second edition to the art, archaeology and history of Ancient Persia, includes new discoveries and ideas and corrects errors from the first edition. This concise introduction to the subject continues to form a guide to the collection of the British Museum whilst also commenting extensively on the Ancient Persian communities from 6000BC to the 7th century AD.

The Empires of Ancient Persia Independently Published

What was it about Persia's leadership and military that compelled powerful civilizations like Greece and Rome to fear and respect the might of the largest empire the ancient world had ever seen? The Persian Empire dictated administrative, economic, and artistic trends on an international level for a thousand years. Its people respected diversity and practiced one of the oldest monotheistic religions in the world. But who were these people, really, who gave us the famous Persian carpet and taught us landscape gardening, polo, and wine making? Why do people today who can trace their lineage and traditions back to this remarkable empire still proudly celebrate festivals like Nowruz regardless of their nationality or religion? Discover this and more as you journey back in time over 2,000 years to experience life in the Persian Empire and meet the people who called this great empire home.

[Towards One World](#) Columbia University Press

Here is an intimate look at the everyday lives of the people that inhabited the great empires through history. Each book covers a specific time and place, illuminating the human experience by describing the transportation, agriculture, housing, communication, religion, innovation and technology, and social organization of the period.

[Ancient Persia in Western History](#) Cambridge University Press

A free ebook version of this title is available through Luminos, University of California Press's new open access publishing program. Visit www.luminosoa.org to learn more. What is the role of the material world in shaping the tensions and paradoxes of

imperial sovereignty? Scholars have long shed light on the complex processes of conquest, extraction, and colonialism under imperial rule. But imperialism has usually been cast as an exclusively human drama, one in which the world of matter does not play an active role. Lori Khatchadourian argues instead that things—from everyday objects to monumental buildings—profoundly shape social and political life under empire. Out of the archaeology of ancient Persia and the South Caucasus, *Imperial Matter* advances powerful new analytical approaches to the study of imperialism writ large and should be read by scholars working on empire across the humanities and social sciences.

[Women in Ancient Persia, 559-331 BC](#) Routledge

The authors look in detail at the highly developed social institutions of the Achaemenid Empire.

[King and Court in Ancient Persia 559 to 331 BCE](#) White Star Publishers

Ancient Persia in Western History is a measured rejoinder to the dominant narrative that considers the Graeco-Persian Wars to be merely the first round of an oft-repeated battle between the despotic 'East' and the broadly enlightened 'West'. Sasan Samiei analyses the historiography which has skewed our understanding of this crucial era - contrasting the work of Edward Gibbon and Goethe, which venerated Classicism and Hellenistic history, with later writers such as John Linton Myres. Finally, Samiei explores the cross-cultural encounters which constituted the Achaemenid period itself, and repositions it as essential to the history of Europe, Asia and the Middle East.

[Pictorial History of Iran](#) Iran's Past

Beloved Reader, *Pictorial History of IRAN, Ancient Persia* is about one of the oldest nations and civilizations in the world. I hope the information provided in this book will give you better insight into Persian culture and history, which has survived through the centuries and has withstood the test of time. As a focal point of the crossroad between East and West, the Persian Empire had a tremendous relevance in the development of human culture. Persians dedicated their lives to the cultivation of ideas, cultural exchange, and human development. Like Iran's night sky, the ancient history of Iran is full of shining stars. Large cities in Elam, Hamadan, Pasargadae, and Persepolis were established. The union of Medes and Persians laid the foundation for the Achaemenian Empire, which organized, administered, and governed with justice and order the great Persian nation from the Jaxartes river (Sir Darya) to Nile, Asia Minor to Persian Gulf, and east as far as the Hindu river. This great nation enjoyed prosperity, vast communication systems, practice of humanitarian equality, and a well-balanced system of government. Cyrus the Great issued the first declaration of Human Rights, after capturing the Babylonian Empire and freeing the Jews held in captivity there

and allowing them to return to Jerusalem. The Persian Empire reached one of its pinnacles during the Mesopotamia era. With the profound influence of Zoroastrian convictions, with "pure thought," "good deeds" and "noble words," the Persian Empire flourished throughout Asia Minor, Lydia, all the way to Greece. Up to this point in history, there were no significant scientific and cultural achievements in Greece. Many inscriptions found in Persepolis prove that the Persian Empire was the key in cultivation and spread of civilization, as we know it today. The Persian civilization and the first declaration of human rights by Cyrus the Great has had a lasting impression on all the nations. This humanitarian concern has eventually become a universal principle. I hope human rights and the promotion of human development will prevail in the 21st century.

[Persians](#) Bloomsbury Publishing

Give your readers a history of ancient Persia, discussing the contributions of rulers from Cyrus to Darius as they expanded the boundaries of the empire. Over a period of almost 1,200 years, the ancient Persians learned to cultivate crops such as wheat and barley and to domesticate animals. They also demonstrated their talents for architecture and art by building enormous palaces, such as at the site of Persepolis, and introduced the idea of worshipping a single god.

[The Armies of Ancient Persia](#) Osprey Publishing

How did the Greek view of Persia and Persians change so radically in the archaic and classical Greek sources that they turned from noble warriors into peacock-loving cross-dressers with murderous mothers? This book looks at the development of a range of responses to the Achaemenids and their Empire. Through a study of ancient texts and material evidence from the archaic and classical periods, Janett Morgan investigates the historical, political and social factors that inspired and manipulated different identities for Persia and the Persians within Greece.

[Birth of the Persian Empire](#) John Wiley & Sons

A critique of Achaemenid historiography, concentrating on the difficulties of using Greek sources for the writing of Persian history.

[Imperial Matter](#) Edinburgh University Press

For almost 1,200 years, the Persians ruled a territory that stretched from the Black Sea into Central Asia, from India to Egypt and into the fringes of southern Europe. During that period from 550 BCE to 651 CE, the ancient Persians learned to cultivate crops such as wheat and barley and to domesticate animals; they also demonstrated their talents for architecture and art by building enormous palaces, such as at the site of Persepolis, and through intricate art painted on pottery. As their neighbors, particularly the Macedonian prince Alexander the Great, grew

stronger, ancient Persia struggled to maintain its authority.

Despite their eventual decline, the Persian empires had significant influence on the ancient world, including the idea of worshipping a single god. As the first monotheistic religion, Zoroastrianism would lay the foundation for the development of Christianity, Islam, and Judaism. *Empires of Ancient Persia* looks at the rise and fall of the Persian empires, the daily life of the people, and their influence on subsequent civilizations.

[Imperial Matter](#) Bloomsbury Publishing

This well-balanced reference on ancient Persia demonstrates the region's contributions to the growth and development of human civilization from the 7th century BCE through the fall of the Persian Sasanian Empire in 651CE. Knowledge of ancient Persia is often gleaned from the writings of the ancient Greeks and Romans—two civilizations that viewed the Persians as enemies. This one-of-a-kind reference provides unbiased coverage of the cultural history of the Persian Empire, examining the Median, Achaemenid, Parthian, Kushan, and Sasanian dynasties and tracing the development and maturation of Iranian societies during a period of nearly 1,500 years. As one of the most comprehensive studies on the topic, this historical overview explores the region's rich past while providing insight into the cultures and civilizations the Persians came to rule and influence. Using primary sources written and inscribed by the ancient Persians themselves, the encyclopedia studies the pre-Islamic civilizations of Iran in the Middle East, the Caucasus, Central Asia, and the Indian subcontinent. Incorporating contributions from scholars who discuss the rise and fall of various Persian dynasties, the work offers some 180 entries that cover such topics as religion, royal nobility, the caste system, and political assassinations. The content offers perspectives from a variety of disciplines—from anthropology to archaeology, geography, and art history, among other areas.

[The Persian Empire](#) Bristol Classical Press

Of all the great civilizations of the ancient world, that of Persia is one of the least understood. Josef Wiesehfer, one of the most respected scholars of the ancient world, provides here a comprehensive survey of the Persian Empire under Achaemenids, the Parthians and the Sassanians. By focusing on the primary Persian sources—written, archaeological and numismatic evidence from Persia—he avoids the traditional Western approach which has tended to rely so heavily on inaccurate and sometimes prejudiced Greek and Roman sources. Part of the freshness of this book comes from presenting a historical discussion of Persia from a Near Eastern perspective. A comprehensive social, political and cultural history of ancient Persia, Wiesehfer's book provides important new material for specialists while being fully accessible and appealing to general readers interested in the ancient world.

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