

The book was found

The Water Kingdom: A Secret History Of China



Synopsis

From the Yangtze to the Yellow River, China is traversed by great waterways, which have defined its politics and ways of life for centuries. Water has been so integral to China's culture, economy, and growth and development that it provides a window on the whole sweep of Chinese history. In *The Water Kingdom*, renowned writer Philip Ball opens that window to offer an epic and powerful new way of thinking about Chinese civilization. Water, Ball shows, is a key that unlocks much of Chinese culture. In *The Water Kingdom*, he takes us on a grand journey through China's past and present, showing how the complexity and energy of the country and its history repeatedly come back to the challenges, opportunities and inspiration provided by the waterways. Drawing on stories from travelers and explorers, poets and painters, bureaucrats and activists, all of whom have been influenced by an environment shaped and permeated by water, Ball explores how the ubiquitous relationship of the Chinese people to water has made it an enduring metaphor for philosophical thought and artistic expression. From the Han emperors to Mao, the ability to manage the waters to provide irrigation and defend against floods was a barometer of political legitimacy, often resulting in engineering works on a gigantic scale. It's a struggle that continues today, as the strain of economic growth on water resources may be the greatest threat to China's future. *The Water Kingdom* offers an unusual and fascinating history, uncovering just how much of China's art, politics, and outlook have been defined by the links between humanity and nature.

Book Information

Hardcover: 320 pages

Publisher: University Of Chicago Press (March 31, 2017)

Language: English

ISBN-10: 022636920X

ISBN-13: 978-0226369204

Shipping Weight: 1.7 pounds (View shipping rates and policies)

Best Sellers Rank: #404,422 in Books (See Top 100 in Books) #67 in Books > Engineering & Transportation > Engineering > Civil & Environmental > Hydrology #745 in Books > History > Asia > China #2100 in Books > Science & Math > History & Philosophy

[Download to continue reading...](#)

China: History of China - History of an Empire: A Historical Overview of China, & East Asia.

Including: Ancient China, Communism, & Capitalism (Chinese ... Medicine, Mao Zedung, Confucius

Book 1) The Water Kingdom: A Secret History of China Pray Thy Kingdom Come: Effectively

Praying the Powerful Kingdom of God into your life, from Heaven's Perspective (Prayer, Intercession, Kingdom of God, Spiritual Warfare, Effective Results) Fruit Infused Water: 80 Vitamin Water Recipes for Weight Loss, Health and Detox Cleanse (Vitamin Water, Fruit Infused Water, Natural Herbal Remedies, Detox Diet, Liver Cleanse) The Rise of China in Asia: Security Implications - Senkaku Islands, Taiwan, North Korea on the Brink, Chinese Threat to Neighbors, India's Response to China, South China Sea China's Cosmopolitan Empire (History of Imperial China) China's Cosmopolitan Empire: The Tang Dynasty (History of Imperial China) China's Last Empire (History of Imperial China) Water Treatment WSO: Principles and Practices of Water Supply Operations Volume 1 (Water Supply Operations Series) Water Quality & Treatment: A Handbook on Drinking Water (Water Resources and Environmental Engineering Series) The Wonders of Water - How H2O Can Transform Your Life: Vitality, Detox, Weight Loss, Quality Water, Benefits (Water Health, Vitality, Weight Loss, Fruit Infused Book 1) Solar PV Powered UV Water Treatment: How to Solar Power UV Water Sterilizing Systems for Drinking Water Onsite Fruit Infused Water: 101 Fruit Infused Water Recipes for Weight Loss, Detox and Metabolism Boosting Vitamin Water Water is Life: Different Sources of Water and Ways to Conserve Them (For Early Science Learners): Nature Book for Kids - Earth Sciences (Children's Water Books) China's Wings: War, Intrigue, Romance, and Adventure in the Middle Kingdom During the Golden Age of Flight China and Pottery Marks Traditions and Old China - Illustrated and Annotated Green Innovation in China: China's Wind Power Industry and the Global Transition to a Low-Carbon Economy (Contemporary Asia in the World) La psique en la medicina china: Tratamiento de desarmonías emocionales y mentales con acupuntura y fitoterapia china (Spanish Edition) The China Triangle: Latin America's China Boom and the Fate of the Washington Consensus RISE of the MACHINES: Secret Weapons, Secret Wars, & Secret Agendas