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The dazzling spectacle
presented by the armies

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of medieval Japan owed much to the highly developed family and personal heraldry of samurai society. From simple personal banners, this evolved over

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centuries of warfare
into a complex system of
flags worn or carried
into battle, together
with the striking 'great
standards' of leading
warlords. While not

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regulated in the Western sense, Japanese heraldry developed as a series of widely followed practices, while remaining flexible enough to embrace

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constant innovation.

Scores of examples, in monochrome and full colour, illustrate this fascinating explanation of the subject by a respected expert on all

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aspects of samurai
culture.

In 1900 a violent
rebellion swept northern
China - the Boxer
Rebellion. The Boxers
were a secret society

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who sought to rid their country of the pernicious influence of the foreign powers who had gradually acquired a stranglehold on China. With the connivance of

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the Imperial Court they
laid siege to the
legation quarter of
Peking. Trapped inside
were an assortment of
diplomats, civilians and
a small number of

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troops. They were all
Sir Claude Macdonald,
the British Minister in
Peking, had to defend
against thousands of
hostile Boxers and
Imperial troops. It

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would now be a race
against time. Could the
rag-tag defenders hold
out long enough for the
gathering relief force
to reach them? This book
describes the desperate

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series of events as the multinational force rushed to their rescue. We commonly think of society as made of and by humans, but with the proliferation of machine

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learning and AI
technologies, this is
clearly no longer the
case. Billions of
automated systems
tacitly contribute to
the social construction

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of reality by drawing
algorithmic distinctions
between the visible and
the invisible, the
relevant and the
irrelevant, the likely
and the unlikely - on

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and beyond platforms.
Drawing on the work of
Pierre Bourdieu, this
book develops an
original sociology of
algorithms as social
agents, actively

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participating in social
life. Through a wide
range of examples,
Massimo Airoidi shows
how society shapes
algorithmic code, and
how this culture in the

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code guides the
practical behaviour of
the code in the culture,
shaping society in turn.
The 'machine habitus' is
the generative mechanism
at work throughout

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myriads of feedback
loops linking humans
with artificial social
agents, in the context
of digital
infrastructures and pre-
digital social

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structures. Machine

**Habitus will be of great
interest to students and
scholars in sociology,
media and cultural
studies, science and
technology studies and**

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information technology,
and to anyone interested
in the growing role of
algorithms and AI in our
social and cultural
life.

By AD 589, when Yang

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Chien established himself at the head of a newly reformed Chinese empire, nearly four centuries had elapsed since the fall of the last great imperial

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dynasty: the Han.

Although Yang's new Sui regime consciously modelled itself on its great predecessor, both China and the world outside had changed. The

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problem for the Sui and their successors was no longer simply to 'overawe the barbarians', but to deal as equals with other cultures that were just

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as proud and self-
confident as their own.
Chris Peers examines the
imperial armies of China
from 590-1260 AD,
covering their history,
organisation and

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tactics.

The Ancient Chinese
World

The Boxer Rebellion

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Ancient Chinese Art

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Samurai Heraldry

**The Archaeology of Early
China**

This book employs textual and
archaeological material to
reconstruct the various
features of daily life in ancient

Where To Download Ancient Chinese Armies 1500 200 Bc Men At Arms China.

The turbulent history of China has seen many dynastic struggles over the centuries, ever since the semi-nomadic tribes of ancient China were unified under the first

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emperor, Cheng. From the Great Wall to the terracotta army at Xian, monuments to China's many wars, and the men who fought them, litter the landscape. This book tells the incredible story of China's

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armies form the first documented civilization over 3,000 years ago to the outbreak of the first Opium War with Britain in the middle of the 19th century. Written by an acknowledged expert on

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Chinese armies, this volume offers details of their colourful uniforms and fascinating weaponry with colour and black and white photographs, artwork, maps and diagrams. By the end of the 18th century

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- following an era which had seen the world increasingly divided into colonial powers and their victims - the Ch'ing dynasty of the Manchus, who had overthrown the native Ming in the 1640s, ruled over

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the largest and most populous empire in the world, with territories that had doubled in size in the previous few decades. Chris Peers' engaging study of the late imperial Chinese armies from

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1520 to 1840 is supported by a wealth of illustrations and photographs, including eight attractive full page colour plates by Christa Hook.

War played a central part in the history of Japan. Warring

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clans controlled much of the country. The wars were usually about land, the struggle for control of which eventually gave rise to perhaps the most formidable warriors of all time: the

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Samurai. Ancient Yayoi warriors developed weapons, armour and a code during the ensuing centuries that became the centrepiece for the Japanese Samurai. Anthony Bryant chronicles the history,

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arms and armour of these truly élite warriors, from the rise of the Yayoi through the Genpei War between the Minamoto and Taira clans to the Mongol invasions of the 13th century.
Chinese Silks

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China Defensive

Samurai vs Ashigaru

Early China

Animals Through Chinese
History

For Use in Preparing ...

Returns

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Over the centuries, naval relations between Japan and Korea appear to have alternated between peaceful trade and outright hostility. However, this impression can be misleading, as much of what passed for mercantile

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activity was in fact conducted by Japanese pirate fleets, who pillaged the coasts of Korea and China in a long-lasting tradition that culminated in the greatest pirate raid of all: Hideyoshi's invasion of Korea in 1592. This

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was the conflict that involved Ming China and almost dragged in Siam. It also led to Korea developing East Asia's most famous warship: the legendary turtle ship, which is described for the first time in full technical

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detail in this book.

This book covers Chinese archaeology from the first people to the unification of the empire, emphasizing cultural variations and interregional contact.

A critical new interpretation of the

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*early history of Chinese
civilization based on the most
recent scholarship and
archaeological discoveries.*

*"Chinese Edition Edited by Huang
Nengfu and Zhao Feng."
200 BC-AD 589*

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940-1576

Peking 1900

Siege Weapons of the Far East (2)

*A History of Capitalism in China
and India*

A Social and Cultural History

From the 10th to the mid-17th

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century, religious organisations played an important part in the social, political and military life in Japan. Known as sohei ('monk warriors') or yamabushi ('mountain warriors'), the warrior monks were anything but peaceful and

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meditative, and were a formidable enemy, armed with their distinctive, long-bladed naginata. The fortified cathedrals of the Ikko-ikki rivalled Samurai castles, and withstood long sieges. This title follows the daily life, training, motivation and combat

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experiences of the warrior monks from their first mention in AD 949 through to their suppression by the Shogunate in the years following the Sengoku-jidai period.

This innovative new collection opens a door into the rich history of

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animals in China. This title is also available as Open Access.

During the 16th century, Japan underwent a military revolution, characterized by the deployment of large armies, the introduction of firearms and an eventual shift

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towards fighting on foot. This study encapsulates these great changes through an exploration of the experience on the ground at three key battles, Uedahara (1548), Mikata ga Hara (1573) and Nagashino (1575), in which two

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very different types of warrior were pitted against each other. On one side were samurai, the elite aristocratic knights whose status was proclaimed by the possession and use of a horse. On the other side were the foot soldiers known as

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ashigaru, lower-class warriors who were initially attendants to the samurai but who joined the armies in increasing numbers, attracted by loot and glory. These two types of warrior battled for dominance across the period, changing and adapting

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their tactics as time went on. In this title, the development of the conflicts between samurai and ashigaru is explored across three key battles, where highly trained elite mounted samurai of the Takeda clan faced ashigaru at very different

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stages in their development. The profound and irreversible changes that took place as the conflicts progressed are analysed in detail, culminating in the eventual incorporation of the ashigaru as the lowest ranks of the samurai class in

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within the standing army of Tokugawa Japan.

From the 11th century AD, East Asian armies made increasing use of exploding missiles and siege cannon to reduce the fortifications of their enemies. Some of these weapons

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were very similar to those used in Europe for example, the heavy siege cannon used in the siege of P'yongyang during the Japanese invasion in the late 16th century. Others, like the Korean hwach'a carts mounting over a hundred

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rockets that were used to bombard the Japanese at Haengiu in 1593, were very different from their European contemporaries. This book details the design and use of the wide range of weaponry available during this period.

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Tea War

Ancient Chinese Armies 1500–200
BC

A Fistful of Kung Fu

Chinese Armies 1500 BC–AD 1840

Fighting Ships of the Far East (2)

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A history of capitalism in nineteenth- and twentieth-century China and India exploring the competition between their tea industriesTea remains the world's most popular commercial drink today, and at the turn of the

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twentieth century, it represented the largest export industry of both China and colonial India. In analyzing the global competition between Chinese and Indian tea, Andrew B. Liu challenges past economic histories premised on the

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technical “divergence” between the West and the Rest, arguing instead that seemingly traditional technologies and practices were central to modern capital accumulation across Asia. He shows how competitive pressures

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compelled Chinese merchants to adopt abstract, industrial conceptions of time, while colonial planters in India pushed for labor indenture laws to support factory-style tea plantations. Further, characterizations of China and

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India as premodern backwaters, he explains, were themselves the historical result of new notions of political economy adopted by Chinese and Indian nationalists, who discovered that these abstract ideas corresponded to concrete

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social changes in their local surroundings. Together, these stories point toward a more flexible and globally oriented conceptualization of the history of capitalism in China and India.

Ancient Chinese Armies 1500–200

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The history of China is a history of warfare. Rarely in its 3,000-year existence has the country not been beset by war, rebellion, or raids. Warfare was a primary source of innovation, social evolution, and

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material progress in the Legendary Era, Hsia dynasty, and Shang dynasty--indeed, war was the force that formed the first cohesive Chinese empire, setting China on a trajectory of state building and aggressive activity that continues to

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this day. In *Ancient Chinese Warfare*, a preeminent expert on Chinese military history uses recently recovered documents and archaeological findings to construct a comprehensive guide to the developing technologies,

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strategies, and logistics of ancient Chinese militarism. The result is a definitive look at the tools and methods that won wars and shaped culture in ancient China.

An in-depth analysis of the Chinese Armies that fought a series of

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increasingly fractious wars over nearly a century. Beginning with a run through of the Chinese forces that combated the British and French during the two Opium Wars, this history goes on to trace the forces who were drawn into

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internal wars and rebellions in the 1850s and 60s, the open warfare in North Vietnam, the string of defeats suffered during the First Sino-Japanese war and the Boxer Rebellion. Providing an unparalleled insight into the

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dizzying array of troop types and unique uniforms, this is a history of the sometimes-painful modernization of China's military forces during one of her most turbulent periods of history.

Japan 1543-75

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Early Samurai AD 200-1500

Japanese Warrior Monks AD
949-1603

Ancient Chinese Armies 1500-200
BC

On the Seven Seas

Ancient Chinese Warfare

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This text by Terence Wise explores some of the fascinating peoples who comprised the ancient armies of the Middle East: the Sumerians, who were the first to introduce the use of bronze into warfare, and were

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centuries ahead of the Egyptians in the use of the wheel – The Akkadians, whose citizen army was composed almost entirely of light troops – The Babylonians, whose people were granted land in return for army service – the

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horned warriors of the Elamites –
the Egyptians, with thier heavy
spearmen and archers – the
tribal and warlike Libyans –
Nubians and Ethiopians –
Hyksos – the armies of the Hittite
Empire – the Sea People and

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On the Seven Seas is a set of wargames rules covering the high adventure and low morals of the world of the pirate. The rules cover licensed privateers such as da Gama and Drake, ruthless

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pirates of the Spanish Main,
Blackbeard, the Barbary
corsairs, the wako of the Far
East, not to mention the anti-
pirate squadrons, Spanish
garrisons and native warriors
from around the world that found

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themselves at odd with generations of sea-borne reavers. The focus of the game is on boarding actions and the exploits of pirate crews on land, and the rules offer a quick-to-learn basic game based around

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individual characters and small units of rank-and-file.

Here are the complete prophecies of Nostradamus.

Nostradamus is the best known and most accurate mystic and seer of all times. There are those

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who say that he predicted Napoleon and even the attack on the World Trade Center. Read the prophecies and judge for yourself.

This title details the culture, weapons, armour and training of

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the elite samurai warrior class in the fascinating Age of Battles period (1550-1600). This was a period of vital importance not only because of the political effects of the chaos but also due to the changes in warfare that

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occurred. In 1542 the Portuguese introduced the matchlock musket into Japanese warfare, and this book traces the effect that this important innovation had on the samurai. Life outside the field of battle is

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also examined, making this an unmissable book for those interested in this brave warrior caste.

The Ernest Erickson Collection in
the Metropolitan Museum of Art
The Monk Who Sold His Ferrari

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Wargames Rules for the Age of
Piracy and Adventure

c.1500–1730

Japan and Korea AD 612–1639

Restricted Data

Imperial Chinese Armies

1840–1911

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A Fistful of Kung Fu brings the hyper-kinetic, bullet-spraying, demon-slaying, kung-fu-fighting action of Hong Kong movies and Asian cinema to the wargames tabletop. In a modern world walking a precarious line

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between the advances of next-generation technology and the tradition and mysticism of ancient cultures, Kung Fu schools face off in no-holds-barred tournaments, corporations hire agents and spies to steal each other's

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secrets, overworked SWAT teams respond to gunfights between feuding Triad and Yakuza clans, and ancient artefacts are sought by hopping vampires, demon sorcerers and cyborgs alike. Combining the gunfights of

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John Woo's Hard Boiled, the hand-to-hand combat of Enter the Dragon, the sheer mystical weirdness of Big Trouble in Little China, the wuxia action of Crouching Tiger Hidden Dragon, and everything in-between, A

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Fistful of Kung Fu is a skirmish wargame unlike any other.

It has been said in China that a city without a wall would be as inconceivable as a house without a roof. Even the smallest village

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invariably had some form of defensive wall, while the Great Wall of China was an attempt to build a barrier along the most vulnerable border of the entire country. Yet the finest examples of walled

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communities were China's walled cities, whose defensive architecture surpassed anything along the Great Wall. This book traces the evolution of the walled city from the 3,000 year old remains of the beaten earth

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walls of the Shang dynasty to the huge stone fortifications of the Ming dynasty. Stephen Turnbull, expert military historian, reveals the defensive structures from all the major ancient Chinese

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cities, and discusses how they protected entire communities, and not just castle dwellers, with colour artwork reconstructions, maps and archive photographs.

A concise and compelling

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survey of Chinese migration in global history centered on Chinese migrants and their families.

The samurai were the military elite of medieval and early modern Japan, and the men who led them were

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hailed as the very greatest,
most heroic and most
honourable of all samurai
warriors. This first of two
books examines the lives,
equipment, battles and wider
roles of the samurai
commanders between 940 and

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1576, the period from the emergence of the samurai to the triumph of Oda Nobunaga, who set Japan on the road to reunification. The styles of armour and weaponry of the samurai changed considerably during this time and this

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book visually recreates some
of the most famous samurai
commanders.

Samurai Commanders (1)

The History of Nuclear
Secrecy in the United States
Medieval Chinese Armies
1260–1520

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China Offensive

AD 960–1644

Ninja AD 1460–1650

"Nuclear weapons, since their conception, have been the subject of secrecy. In the months after the dropping of the atomic bombs on Hiroshima and Nagasaki, the American scientific establishment, the

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American government, and the American public all wrestled with what was called the "problem of secrecy," wondering not only whether secrecy was appropriate and effective as a means of controlling this new technology but also whether it was compatible with the country's core values. Out of a messy context of propaganda,

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confusion, spy scares, and the grave counsel of competing groups of scientists, what historian Alex Wellerstein calls a "new regime of secrecy" was put into place. It was unlike any other previous or since. Nuclear secrets were given their own unique legal designation in American law ("restricted data"), one that operates differently than all

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other forms of national security classification and exists to this day. Drawing on massive amounts of declassified files, including records released by the government for the first time at the author's request, Restricted Data is a narrative account of nuclear secrecy and the tensions and uncertainty that built as the

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Cold War continued. In the US, both science and democracy are pitted against nuclear secrecy, and this makes its history uniquely compelling and timely"--

In 1271, Kubilai, ruler of the Mongol Empire, proclaimed himself the first Emperor of the Yüan dynasty. Within a few years he was to gain control of the rest of

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China, in effect giving China unity and independence under an alien dynasty. His reign endured until 1368, when the native Ming dynasty came to power. Focusing on these two regimes, this text explores the history, organization and tactics of the Yüan and Ming armies from 1260-1520.

Numerous illustrations and colour plates

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portray the weapons and uniforms of the Chinese troops in vivid detail.

The Ninja were the secret agents and assassins of feudal Japan and they remain a subject of enduring fascination. They first emerged during the power struggles of 9th and 10th century Japan, in response to the increasing demand for spies, informants

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and even assassins, and they were used until the mid-1600s when they disappeared on account of a campaign to destroy them. This title provides an accurate and detailed account of the reality of the Ninja, detailing their daily life, training, hiring, combat use and secret operations; also covered are the Ninja's use and knowledge of poisons,

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medicines and charms.

Using various primary sources, presents a history of the politicians, farmers, warriors, and philosophers who created and shaped the ancient Chinese world.

590–1260 AD

U.S. Tax Guide for Aliens

Chinese Walled Cities 221 BC– AD 1644

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Imperial Chinese Armies (2)

Samurai 1550–1600

After AD 304 the five 'barbarian' tribes divided north China among themselves, setting up dynasties which were often Chinese only in name, and feuding constantly both with each other and with

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the native states, whose stronghold was now in the south. It was under this barbarian influence that the heavily-armoured cavalry which were to become the striking force of the great T'ang dynasty in the 7th and 8th centuries first developed. In a knowledgeable text complemented by numerous illustrations,

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this book explores the history, weaponry, tactics and organisation of medieval Chinese armies between 200 BC and AD 589.

By the 15th century BC the valley of Hwang Ho was dominated by a palace-based military caste which owed its supremacy to a monopoly of bronze-

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working techniques among a still mainly Stone Age population. To the Shang Dynasty, war was a means of legitimising the power of their new aristocracy. This fascinating volume by C. J. Peers covers the period of China's history from the first documented civilisation to the establishment of an enduring unified

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empire, examining the history, organisation, uniform and weapons of ancient Chinese armies.

Osprey's examination of Japan's Samurai warriors of the medieval period. Perhaps the greatest warriors in history, the Samurai were a product of a social system totally geared to war. The Samurai

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became expert in fighting both on horseback and on the ground. Their way of life was dictated by the code of Bushido or 'way of the warrior' and clad in their magnificent, multi-coloured armour they were perfectly suited to the violent clan and dynastic warfare that dominated medieval Japan as the most powerful

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*families vied for supremacy. In this title
Anthony J Bryant presents a fascinating
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Toward a Sociology of Algorithms
A Social History of Global Migration
Late Imperial Chinese Armies 1520–1840
Daily Life in Ancient China*

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