



Tales of the Emperor

By Jack Winter

Talon Books, Canada. Paperback. Book Condition: new. BRAND NEW, Tales of the Emperor, Jack Winter, Tales of the Emperor is based on the life of Qin Shi Huang (circa 260-210 BCE), the "First Emperor" - he who unified China, gave it his name, built the Great Wall, entombed an army of terra cotta soldiers, authored legalism, erased history, insinuated governance, and established paranoia as a national characteristic. His dynasty did not outlive him but his influence permeates the present and, there is ample indication, will dominate the future. The literary method of Tales of the Emperor is derived from the first Chinese attempt at "writing history" - the famous Historical Records of Ssu-Ma Ch'ien. Like that Chinese classic, Tales of the Emperor is motivated by the desire to understand the past by entering it, mixing testimony with anecdote, interpretation with invention, biography with characterization, objective analysis with passionate self-interest. Birth to death, Tales of the Emperor tells the story of its central figure in a thematic rather than a chronologic narrative. In a mosaic of separate tales - some no more than fragments, others chapter-length - intersecting characters are presented, entwined, relinquished, among them a failed assassin, a wily adviser, an...



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