



## The Beautiful Way

By Dirk Hessian

BarbarianSpy. Paperback. Book Condition: New. Paperback. 172 pages. Dimensions: 8.5in. x 5.5in. x 0.4in. The life of a male prostitute in the Floating World of the Beautiful Way in ancient China in the waning years of the Chu dynasty, 200 BC, was a sensual but cruel, often foreshortened, bitter-sweet existence. The Beautiful Way weaves a complex, romantic, and all too often tragic tale of the interwoven lives of six jin in one male brothel the Cut Sleeve Nanleshijia. Laid against their linked stories are those of the managers and servants who guided these beautiful young men through their training, their initiation in which they became bitten peaches and beyond to burn as bright stars, and, in too many cases, sputter too early to ash. While providing an intricate network of stories of adventure, sexual exploits, and entwining relationships, The Beautiful Way strives to capture the essence of the deliciously euphemistic Oriental world of men making love to other men in China's ancient past and covering two kingdoms. The stories of these six jin and of the men who served, coveted, and mastered them are interwoven tales that go beyond the random act of sexual release between men. They offer more complex and context-rich studies...



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