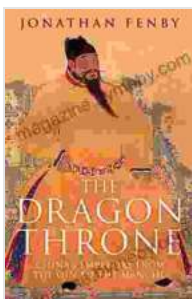


# China Emperors From The Qin To The Manchu: A Historical Odyssey Through the Celestial Empire

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## The Dragon Throne: China's Emperors from the Qin to the Manchu by Jonathan Fenby

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Within its pages, readers will encounter a rich tapestry of rulers who shaped the destiny of China. From the legendary Qin Shi Huang, the first emperor to unify China under a single rule, to the enigmatic Empress Wu of the Tang dynasty, the only woman to ascend to the imperial throne, these emperors played pivotal roles in forging the cultural, political, and economic foundations of Chinese civilization.

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The book opens with an exploration of the Qin dynasty, the first unified empire in Chinese history. Qin Shi Huang, with his ruthless determination and grand vision, established a centralized government, standardized weights and measures, and initiated the construction of the iconic Great Wall. His reign marked a watershed moment, setting the stage for the rise of a cohesive and powerful Chinese state.

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### **The Qing Dynasty: The Last Imperial Dynasty of China**

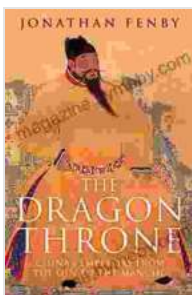
The Qing dynasty, established by the Manchu people, ruled China from the 17th to the early 20th century. During the reign of emperors like Kangxi and Qianlong, the Qing dynasty reached the peak of its power and territory.

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