

The Personality of Alexander the Great Revealed Through the Mirror of the Lives of his Lovers.

Just published, Alexander's Lovers is the second book by Andrew Chugg, the author of The Lost Tomb of Alexander the Great. It presents an exploration of Alexander's character through the mirror of the lives of the people with whom he pursued romantic relationships, including his friend Hephaestion, his queen Roxane, his mistress Barsine and Bagoas the Eunuch. It incorporates much new research and tells a more complete version of their biographies than has previously been published.

The German scholar, Ulrich Wilcken, wrote that the issue of Alexander's personality is the hardest problem in history. Alexander's Lovers takes a novel approach to this challenge by investigating the King's character through the mirror of the lives of his lovers. Foremost among these relationships was that with Hephaestion, the companion of Alexander's youth, who later rose to become his deputy. Yet also of key importance were Roxane, the King's fabulously beautiful Afghan queen, Barsine, his Persian mistress, and Bagoas, the eunuch who entered Alexander's service near the shores of the Caspian Sea. There were others, including Pankaste, the Thessalian courtesan, Thalestris, Queen of the Amazons, Stateira and Parysatis, the Persian princesses and Cleophis, Queen of Massaga, but these liaisons were either essentially political in nature or merely mythical.

To understand Alexander well, it is necessary to follow his heart more carefully than his policies. Anyone who would like to get to know Alexander on a more personal level than is feasible from the existing histories should read Alexander's Lovers.

Alexander's Lovers is aimed at the large range of Alexander enthusiasts who have been frustrated to find his rather intriguing love life relegated to little more than embarrassed footnotes in the conventional histories of his career. It is also rendered accessible to the wider audience of filmgoers who have recently seen Oliver Stone's Alexander movie by the incorporation of an 18,000-word prologue providing a concise introductory biography of the King.

There is a website at www.alexanderslovers.com in support of the new book with a sample chapter, a selection of images and additional background. For further information you are welcome to contact the author directly. Alexander's Lovers is now available through many online bookstores (Amazon, Barnes & Noble, Lulu and others).

About the Author

In pursuit of a life-long interest in the subject of Alexander the Great, Andrew has been actively publishing on the subject for the past five years. He has been researching the history of Alexander's tomb since 1998, including visits to Alexandria and Saqqara in Egypt and culminating in the publication of his first book, The Lost Tomb of Alexander the Great (see www.alexanderstomb.com), in November 2004. He has also had academic articles on the tomb published in the classics journal Greece & Rome and in the American Journal of Ancient History and has written pieces on the theme for Minerva and History Today. More recently, Andrew has produced several articles concerning Alexander's mysterious death, including a major academic study of the King's own journal, from which derives the most detailed account of his untimely demise. Andrew read Natural Sciences at Trinity College in the University of Cambridge in the UK, graduating with honours in 1985. He currently works as a Technical Expert for MBDA in Bristol.

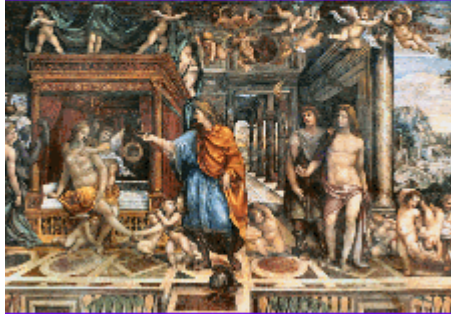
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