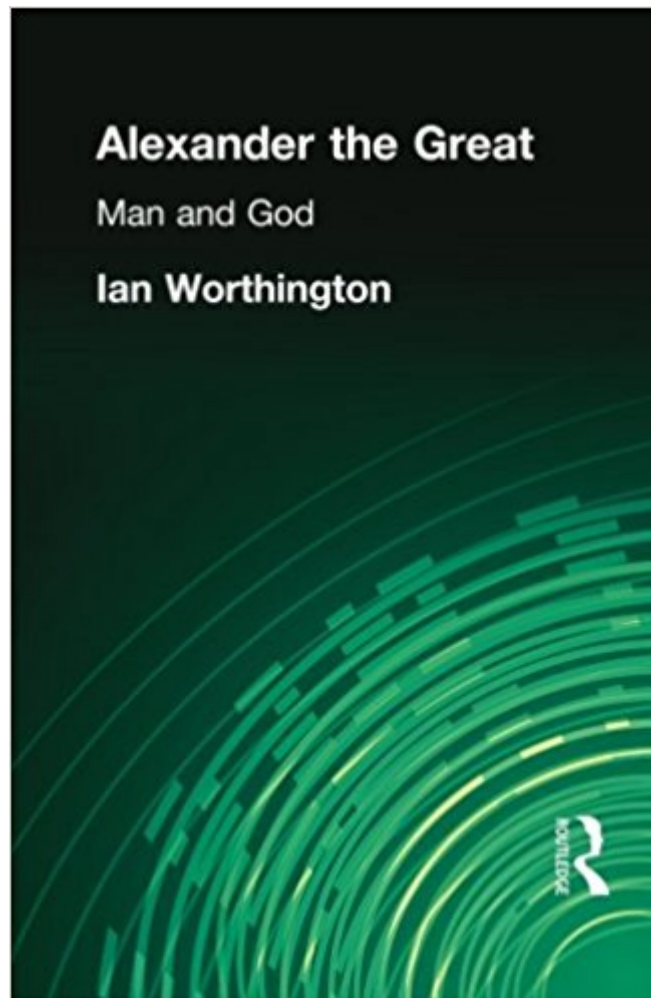


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Alexander the GreatÂ conquered territories on a superhuman scale and established an empire that stretched from Greece to India. He spread Greek culture and education throughout his empire, and was worshipped as a living god by many of his subjects. But how great is a leader responsible for the deaths on tens of thousands of people? A ruler who prefers constant warring to administering the peace? A man who believed he was a god, who murdered his friends, and recklessly put his soldiers lives at risk? Ian Worthington delves intoÂ Alexander's successes and failures, his paranoia, the murders he engineered, his megalomania, and his constant drinking. It presents a king corrupted by power and who, for his own personal ends, sacrificed the empire his father had fought to establish. Â

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The quantity of books that I have read of Alexander the Great are self explanatory in by looking at my comments.I was born in the first Alexandria that he created and from his dreams. Mixtures of cultures.Italians came centuries ago,hence I was born.It is very hard to judge Alexander,as all of the papyruses regarding his life and conquest were distroyed when the library of Alexandria was burned down centuries after his death.However some and other related documents have survived the centuries.It is hard not to admire such a bright kid,who captured the lives of many over the centuries with his astonishing tactics of war.Many books have been written and I am sure that many more will come.The point however is that nothing new has been discovered,therefore these are all assumptions of his character and megalomaniac attitudes.This book is very well written,with some

sections that are new to me. How did these come to be, and not by famous historians I am not sure. There are more details in this book about Bessus, the women in Darius' life, the invasion of Sogdiana, Bactria, the Hindu Kush. Details of the cities that Alexander invaded with the actual modern location is important for the reader. It is not a stunning book but very well written. To me Alexander was not born a conqueror; instead he was a discoverer. He wanted to discover the world, but in doing so he had to invade in order to go on. He did not seem to be interested in gold and precious things; rather he gave them away. His tactics for war were cunning and seemed like a little kid playing with tin soldiers with his friends. I still have not read or heard of anyone in history who has accomplished so much in such a little time in his life. I liked the maps with the details of the assaults in this book.

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