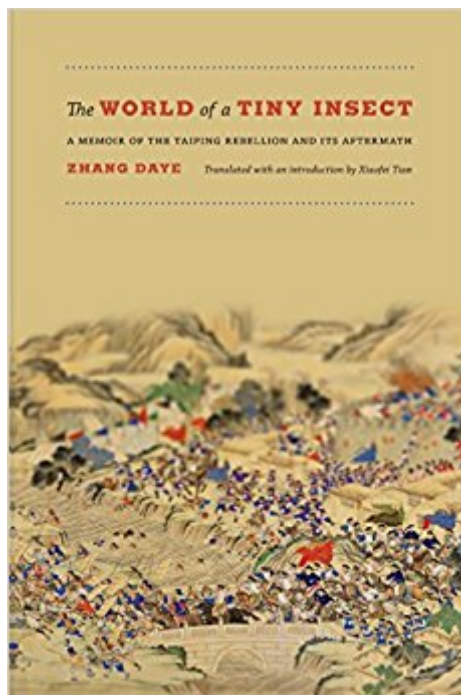




Ebook Directory
the best source of ebook

The book was found

The World Of A Tiny Insect: A Memoir Of The Taiping Rebellion And Its Aftermath



Synopsis

"From the cry of a tiny insect, one can hear the sound of a vast world. . . ."So begins Zhang Daye's preface to *The World of a Tiny Insect*, his haunting memoir of war and its aftermath. In 1861, when China's devastating Taiping rebellion began, Zhang was seven years old. The Taiping rebel army occupied Shaoxing, his hometown, and for the next two years, he hid from Taiping soldiers, local bandits, and imperial troops and witnessed gruesome scenes of violence and death. He lost friends and family and nearly died himself from starvation, illness, and encounters with soldiers on a rampage. Written thirty years later, *The World of a Tiny Insect* gives voice to this history. A rare premodern Chinese literary work depicting a child's perspective, Zhang's sophisticated text captures the macabre images, paranoia, and emotional excess that defined his wartime experience and echoed through his adult life. The structure, content, and imagery of *The World of a Tiny Insect* offer a carefully constructed, fragmented narrative that skips in time and probes the relationships between trauma and memory, revealing both history and its psychic impact. Xiaofei Tian's annotated translation includes an introduction that situates *The World of a Tiny Insect* in Chinese history and literature and explores the relevance of the book to the workings of traumatic memory.

Book Information

Paperback: 224 pages

Publisher: University of Washington Press; annotated edition edition (November 18, 2013)

Language: English

ISBN-10: 0295993189

ISBN-13: 978-0295993188

Product Dimensions: 6 x 0.5 x 9 inches

Shipping Weight: 8.8 ounces (View shipping rates and policies)

Average Customer Review: 4.5 out of 5 stars 2 customer reviews

Best Sellers Rank: #494,842 in Books (See Top 100 in Books) #148 in Books > Biographies & Memoirs > Historical > Asia > China #187 in Books > Biographies & Memoirs > Ethnic & National > Chinese #1014 in Books > History > Asia > China

Customer Reviews

As an important primary source, I highly recommend the English version of this memoir to students of the modern history of China.--Kent Dang "Bulletin of the School of Oriental and African Studies (SOAS)" (01/01/2014)[L]ucid and erudite.... With Tian's translation, we now have represented in

English a wide range of different primary source perspectives on the Taiping civil war. This is an important and highly readable translation and an outstanding resource for teaching.--Tobie Meyer-Fong"Monumenta Serica" (01/01/2014)[A] fascinating memoir.... "The World of a Tiny Insect" makes the human cost of the rebellion more concrete and comprehensible, especially for students.... Xiaofei Tian has done an excellent job as translator.... [A] unique and extremely valuable source for understanding rebellion and its impact in nineteenth-century China.... [A]ccessible and highly engaging.--Carl Kilcourse"Journal of the American Oriental Society" (01/01/2016)As an important primary source, I highly recommend the English version of this memoir to students of the modern history of China.--Kent Dang"Bulletin of the School of Oriental and African Studies (SOAS)" (01/01/2014)[L]ucid and erudite.... With Tian's translation, we now have represented in English a wide range of different primary source perspectives on the Taiping civil war. This is an important and highly readable translation and an outstanding resource for teaching.--Tobie Meyer-Fong"Monumenta Serica" (01/01/2014)[A] fascinating memoir.... The World of a Tiny Insect makes the human cost of the rebellion more concrete and comprehensible, especially for students.... Xiaofei Tian has done an excellent job as translator.... [A] unique and extremely valuable source for understanding rebellion and its impact in nineteenth-century China.... [A]ccessible and highly engaging.--Carl Kilcourse"Journal of the American Oriental Society" (01/01/2016)[L]ucid and erudite. . . . With Tian's translation, we now have represented in English a wide range of different primary source perspectives on the Taiping civil war. This is an important and highly readable translation and an outstanding resource for teaching.--Tobie Meyer-Fong"Monumenta Serica" (01/01/2014)[A] fascinating memoir. . . . The World of a Tiny Insect makes the human cost of the rebellion more concrete and comprehensible, especially for students. . . . Xiaofei Tian has done an excellent job as translator. . . . [A] unique and extremely valuable source for understanding rebellion and its impact in nineteenth-century China. . . . [A]ccessible and highly engaging.--Carl Kilcourse"Journal of the American Oriental Society" (01/01/2016)

"The author and narrator recounts his terrible experiences and miraculous survivals with a child's curiosity and in a vivid, straightforward way. But he also embeds what happened to him in a larger historical, philosophical, moral, and aesthetic context. No comparable primary source available in English does anything like this for the Taiping Rebellion." Judith Zeitlin, University of Chicago

Good read those interested in Chinese history. Journal account.

The World of a Tiny Insect is a wonderful memoir of a childhood spent in the violence of the Taiping Rebellion. The author was 7 years when the rebellion began. He wrote his memoir in 1893 , 30 years later. It is now translated into English in 2013. The translator Tian Xiao Fei is professor of Chinese literature at Harvard University. She has usefully annotated the text. According to her she stumbled upon this manuscript when the title The World of a Tiny Insect caught her eye though it is a pity she did not give the year of her discovery. For a good history of the Taiping Rebellion i highly recommend God's Chinese Son by Jonathan Spence and Autumn in the Heavenly Kingdom by Stephen R Platt .

[Download to continue reading...](#)

The World of a Tiny Insect: A Memoir of the Taiping Rebellion and Its Aftermath Tiny Houses: Minimalist Tiny House Living (Floor Plans Included) (tiny house construction, tiny homes, tiny house design, small houses, small homes, tiny house building, tiny house lifestyle, micro homes) Tiny Houses: Everything You Need to Know before Buying a Tiny House (Tiny Houses, Tiny House Living, Tiny Homes, Tiny House) Tiny Houses: The Ultimate Beginner's Guide! : 20 Space Hacks for Living Big in Your Tiny House (Tiny Homes, Small Home, Tiny House Plans, Tiny House Living Book 1) The Wonders of the Colorado Desert (Southern California), Vol. 1 of 2: Its Rivers and Its Mountains, Its Canyons and Its Springs, Its Life and Its ... Journey Made Down the Overflow of the Colo Tiny Homes: Build your Tiny Home, Live Off Grid in your Tiny house today, become a minimalist and travel in your micro shelter! With Floor plans Tiny Houses : Beginners Guide: Tiny House Living On A Budget, Building Plans For A Tiny House, Enjoy Woodworking, Living Mortgage Free And Sustainably ... Design, construction, country living Book 1) Tiny Houses: An Essential Guide to Tiny Houses with Examples and Ideas of Designs (Tiny House Living, Shipping Container Homes Book 1) Tiny Houses: The Perfect Tiny House, with Tiny House Example Plans Tiny Houses: The Definitive Build Manual Of A Tiny Home Specializing In Sustainable Tiny House Living Tiny House: The Definitive Manual To Tiny Houses: Home Construction, Interior Design, Tiny House Living Aftermath: Star Wars: Journey to Star Wars: The Force Awakens (Star Wars: The Aftermath Trilogy) The Aftermath of the Sandinista Revolution (Aftermath of History) The Aftermath of the Mexican Revolution (Aftermath of History) With the Allies to Peking: The Aftermath of the Boxer Rebellion in China in 1900 A Vietcong Memoir: An Inside Account of the Vietnam War and Its Aftermath The Courage to Act: A Memoir of a Crisis and Its Aftermath A Rip in Heaven: A Memoir of Murder And Its Aftermath Symbolism, Its Origins and Its Consequences (Art, Literature and Music in Symbolism, Its Origins and Its) Tiny and Full: Discover

Why Only Eating a Vegan Breakfast Will Keep You Tiny and Full for Life

[Contact Us](#)

[DMCA](#)

[Privacy](#)

[FAQ & Help](#)