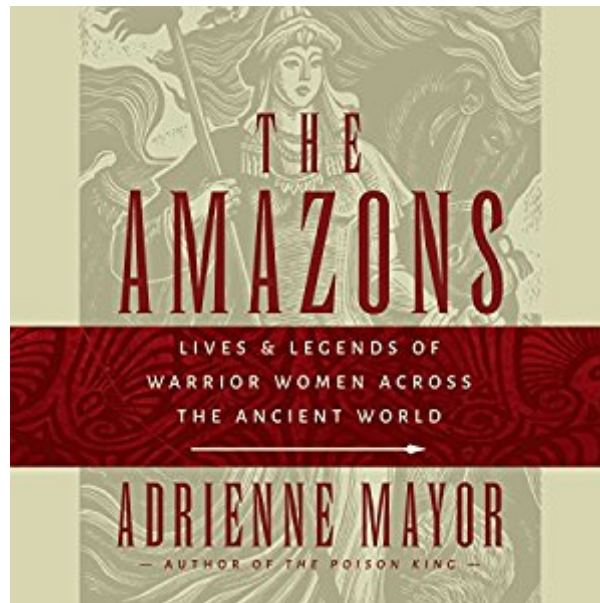


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S: Lives And Legends Of Warrior Women Across The Ancient World



Synopsis

s - fierce warrior women dwelling on the fringes of the known world - were the mythic archenemies of the ancient Greeks. Heracles and Achilles displayed their valor in duels with queens, and the Athenians reveled in their victory over a powerful army. In historical times, Cyrus of Persia, Alexander the Great, and the Roman general Pompey tangled with s. But just who were these bold barbarian archers on horseback who gloried in fighting, hunting, and sexual freedom? Were s real? In this deeply researched, wide-ranging book, National Book Award finalist Adrienne Mayor presents the s as they have never been seen before. This is the first comprehensive account of warrior women in myth and history across the ancient world, from the Mediterranean Sea to the Great Wall of China. Mayor tells how amazing new archaeological discoveries of battle-scarred female skeletons buried with their weapons prove that women warriors were not merely figments of the Greek imagination. Combining classical myth and art, nomad traditions, and scientific archaeology, she reveals intimate, surprising details and original insights about the lives and legends of the women known as s. Provocatively arguing that a timeless search for a balance between the sexes explains the allure of the s, Mayor reminds us that there were as many love stories as there were war stories. The Greeks were not the only people enchanted by s - Mayor shows that warlike women of nomadic cultures inspired exciting tales in ancient Egypt, Persia, India, Central Asia, and China. Driven by a detective's curiosity, Mayor unearths long-buried evidence and sifts fact from fiction to show how flesh-and-blood women of the Eurasian steppes were mythologized as s, the equals of men. The result is likely to become a classic.

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Customer Reviews

One of the best non-fiction books I've ever read. I am totally fascinated by it, and so sad that we have lost so much history about these amazing warrior women. It's an academic book, but it doesn't read like one. I wish I had more time to sit and read the whole thing - right now I'm reading bits of it as I wait to pick up my kids from school and it's hard to put it down again! I have the electronic version of it, but this is one that I wished I had bought as a hard copy so that the pictures would be in the right spots and because I would love to mark it up by hand and put notes in the margins (not quite the same on a Kindle). I didn't realize how much I never knew about these women until I got this book. If you love history or are interested in s - definitely check this one out.

The s by Adrienne Mayor gives us solid, scholarly evidence for the lives of Scythian and Thracian women in the 1st Millennium BCE. It's very useful to me because she qualifies every speculation about s in the historical and literary texts from the Classical Greek, Hellenistic and Roman eras with the physical evidence. Although these women evidently led harsh lives, it is uplifting to see evidence of freedom and a relative gender equality between men and women SOMEWHERE in the ancient world. I'm recommending it to everyone!

The world needs at least 100 more authors like her, all on the same subject. I find it surprising, very disappointing, that the author will not admit that these women had nothing to do with Matriarchies, or that there is not enough evidence. There is, but you looking in the wrong direction. Ms Mayor, these Warrior's were informed, how could they not have known about The Great Mother's who were everywhere through out the world on every continent in their own times? Especially the aboriginals who worshiped mostly feminine energy's/Goddesses of Nature/Earth, Universe, etc. Who gave them their skills, their strength, their knowledge of martial arts, their knowledge of medicine/herbs, all the inner sciences they needed to survive. It wasn't men, NO, it was their Civilization Of Women/Shamans, Kung-Fu Master's, Spiritually Enlightened Master Women who taught them. This needs to be finally told to the world before its too late, before this becomes censored and as usual called myth. Otherwise the book is just a good start to a vastness that waits to be finally told to our daughters and sons. I highly recommend the book "The Great Cosmic Mother" by Monica Sjoo & Barbara Mor. Any woman or man seeking their origins, or wanting to start training in any martial art, than these two books will greatly enrich them on all levels, especially in their hearts. I gave her 5

stars because i hope she will expand on the topic and support her sister's world wide who are in great suffering right now and need this info to stand tall and realize what they have been denied for way too long..SincerelyTony Escalante,Jr.

Very interesting. It reveals the true nature of archaeology and at the same timeuncovers a unique civilization where women hold their own with men and in many casesshow their true strength.

This is a fine study on a heretofore neglected subject. Meticulously researched, the author brings to light a lost world that may very well have had greater influence upon western civilization than previously supposed.

Incredibly comprehensive and detailed. Any history student and even professional must have this book. The referencing is excellent. It presents information with as much unbiase as possible, adding counter theories for the readers exploration.Only wish there we better maps and more images of evidence that is out there.

Very informative and refreshing perspective on the warrior women of old.

An incredibly fascinating read! The s were REAL, y'all!!!!

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