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Standing Guard: The Terra-Cotta Warriors
The Legend and Legacy of China's First Emperor

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Terms

Qin Dynasty (221-206 BCE)

Zhao Zheng

1st August Emperor – Qin Shi Huangdi (221-210 BCE)

Sima Qian. *The Records of the Grand Historian* (145-90 BCE)

Tomb at Shuihudi (217 BCE) – Mr. Xi

Legalism

Han Fei (280-233 BC) - disciple of Shang Yang

Prince of Dan and assassin Jing Ke



Qin Dynasty Empire (221–207 B.C.)

Details of the Tomb

Discovered 1974

35 km east of Xi'an

Mound is currently 16 meters high

Estimated 38 years to build – 247-208 BCE – in three phases

Estimated 720,000 workers

7400 figures, plus 90 wooden chariots, over 5 acres

Figures are 5ft-8in to 6ft-in. 1 in height

Further Reading

Jane Portal. *Terra Cotta Warriors: Guardians of China's First Emperor*. (National Geographic: 2008).

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