



Asoka: A Love Story: The King Who Brought Us the Buddha

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Chris-Budd Press. Paperback. Condition: New. 388 pages. Dimensions: 8.5in. x 5.5in. x 1.0in. H. G. Wells called Asoka the greatest king in history; he did not mention that Asoka is a puzzle: a monster, a saint, orthodox and radical by turn. He killed like Genghis Khan, and yet, became the St. Paul of Buddhism. He blindly followed his fundamentalist religion, but left it because it oppressed the masses. An imperious king, he provided equality, social justice to his people and promoted religious tolerance. Above all, he provided free healthcare. He was the first to build beautiful monuments in India. Who was this man Was he a Tristan in love--a doomed romantic lover An artist in search of self-expression Was he looking for meaning in chaos This is the first fictional biography of this enigmatic figure. The story zigzags like the man. Asoka is an underdog--fourth in line of succession. At eleven, he runs into cannibals and escapes getting cooked. His grandfathers widow, Livia, a Persian princess, poisons Asokas mother and adopts him she aspires to be Queen Mother. At seventeen, he is found making love in a temple room to a flower girl--oblivious of the bodies outside swaying to holy chants....



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