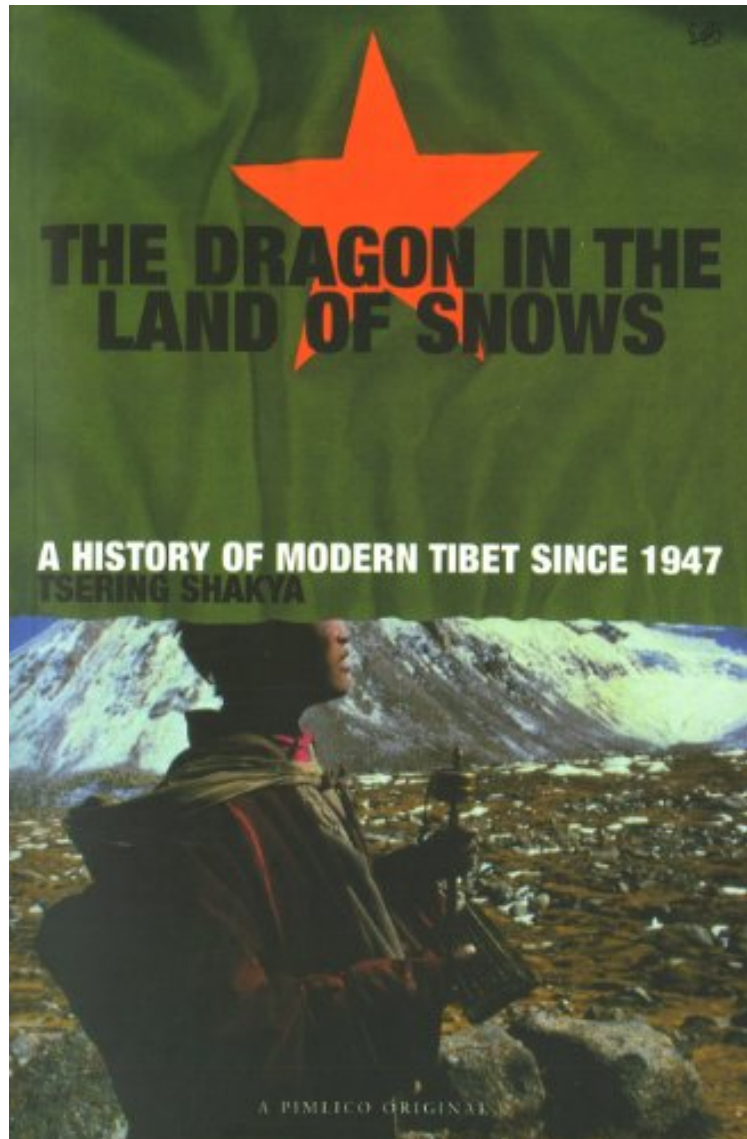


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Kurzbeschreibung Based entirely on unpublished primary sources, this remarkable book -the first authoritative history of modern Tibet - is also the first to provide detailed accounts of: * The covert political manoeuvrings in Tibet and the role of the Tibetan, Chinese and British governments; * The Dalai Lama's escape in 1959; * The CIA's involvement and the establishment of a secret military base in the Nepalese Himalayas; * The British government lying to the UN and Douglas Hurd's role in that process; * The power struggles during the Cultural Revolution and the mass uprising against the Chinese that has remained secret until now..de You can't help feeling that ever since luvvies like Richard Gere got involved with the Free Tibet campaign that the debate has become hopelessly simplistic. The Tibetans can do no wrong and the Chinese can do no right. As a very rough guide to the current situation this sort of summary will do, but it gives no hint of the nuances of a complicated and tortuous history. And so most people are left with little or no sense of how the present-day situation in Tibet arose. 1999 marks the 40th anniversary of the National Uprising when the Tibetan people rebelled against the Chinese forces that had occupied their country since 1950. Thousands of Tibetans were killed in the failed revolt and the Dalai Lama, Tibet's spiritual leader, fled to India from Lhasa with 80,000 supporters. So an informed, detailed and balanced account from a Tibetan historian is a breath of fresh air. Shakya cuts through the myths that both sides have created to feed their political ends. Tibetan culture wasn't the happy Shangri-La prior to the Chinese invasion that many Tibetans claim. It was a land dominated by a feudal elite who kept many people in serfdom; however there was also much of value in the Tibetan culture that the Chinese have done so much to destroy. Tibet and China go back a long way: Tibetans believe their land to be an independent state; the Chinese believe Tibet has always been part of China. Tibet has been under Chinese rule at various points over the last 1,000 years, and it was only with the Chinese revolution of 1911 that Tibet finally freed itself from Chinese control. The Chinese have steadily strengthened their hold on Tibet since they invaded in 1950 through a series of repressive measures against Tibetan nationals which the International Committee of Jurists concluded constituted a prima facie case of genocide. They have also encouraged many Chinese to move to Tibet: Tibetans call this a process of "sinification" via the back-door: the Chinese say that the Tibetans are not culturally in tune with modern economic policies. And so it goes on. The two countries cannot even agree on what constitutes Tibet. The Tibetan government in Lhasa had ceded Kham and Amdo prior to 1950 and ruled over what is now known as the Tibetan Autonomous Region. The Tibetan government in exile wants Kham and Amdo included in all discussions on Tibet's future. China does not. Shakya is no fence-sitter. Like most right minded people he believes the Tibetans to have the better claim, but his strength is that he allows the arguments to speak for themselves rather than get carried away by sloganism and partiality. If there were more people like Shakya, there might--just might--be an end to the deadlock in prospect. -- John Crace Pressestimmen "Dragon in the Land of Snows" will undoubtedly take its place as the indispensable account of modern Tibetan history.... Shakya informs it with a cool and rigorous historical mind, with which he cuts through the thickets of polemic on both sides." -- "Literary" "Superbly well-researched and written." -- Orville Schell, "Los Angeles Times Book" "An important book that will encourage further research and discussion about Tibet." -- "Choice" "A sober, factual, excellently researched, and surprisingly impartial account of the end of old Tibet." -- "The Spectator" "A prodigious work of scholarship.... The clearest picture yet of this period. This book will become a

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