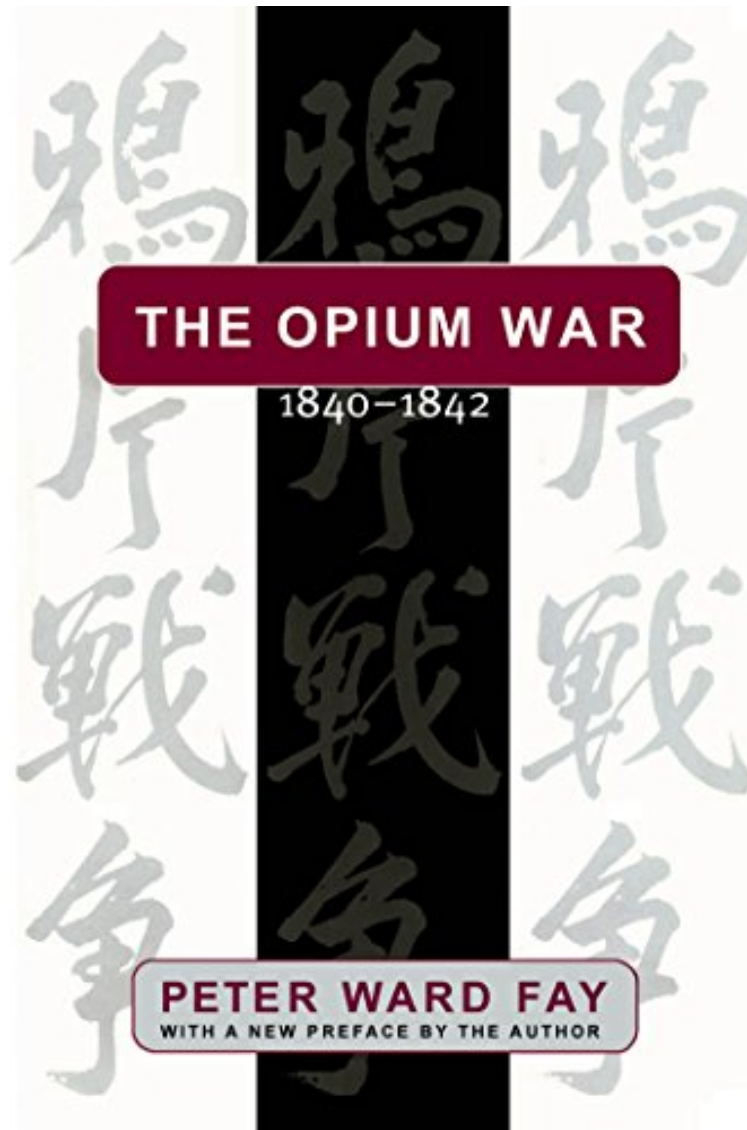


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## Empire in the Early Part of the Nineteenth Century and the War by which They Forced Her Gates Ajar:

KundenrezensionenHilfreichste Kundenrezensionen1 von 1 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. This is one of the most frustrating books I've ever read. Von Ein KundePeter Fay's book on the Opium War is one of the most detailed studies of the period between 1838-1842 one can find at anything like the price, and would be a valuable resource except for one major flaw--there is no time-line given, and dates are provided, at most, with day and month, not year. This may seem like an insignificant thing, but given that correspondence took at least six months in one direction from China to England, and that the war was taking place with sailing ships up and down most of China's coast, it quickly becomes impossible to tell, either from the footnotes or the text, what year precisely specific events happened. Since so few dates are given at all, it is impossible to get a good sense of the exact sequence of events, particularly as the fighting part of the war heated up. When the book is next released, it should have a time line!

KurzbeschreibungThis book tells the fascinating story of the war between England and China that delivered Hong Kong to the English, forced the imperial Chinese government to add four ports to Canton as places in which foreigners could live and trade, and rendered irreversible the process that for almost a century thereafter distinguished western relations with this quarter of the globe-- the process that is loosely termed the "opening of China." Originally published by UNC Press in 1975, Peter Ward Fay's study was the first to treat extensively the opium trade from the point of production in India to the point of consumption in China and the first to give both Protestant and Catholic missionaries their due; it remains the most comprehensive account of the first Opium War through western eyes. In a new preface, Fay reflects on the relationship between the events described in the book and Hong Kong's more recent history..deUntil the 1830s, China was scarcely known to the outside world. When Europeans began to arrive in number in that decade, demanding of the Ching dynasty's rulers access to raw materials and to China's huge domestic markets alike, the Chinese resisted, but, in the end, unsuccessfully. England in particular sought a market for the opium, a crown monopoly produced in India, and it waged a brief war to press its claim--a war that won it that market, the ownership of Hong Kong, and entry into cities like Shanghai and Guangdong. The war also contributed to the eventual collapse of Ching rule. Really a footnote in history, the Opium War, then, had major consequences that color Sino-Western relations even today. Peter Ward Fay tells the story in this well-written, vigorous narrative. --Gregory McNameePressestimmen"Panoramic, thoughtful, and brilliantly presented. ."Pacific Historical ""Peter Ward Fay has produced a classic study in "The Opium War, 1840-1842."John K. Fairbank, "New York Times Book ""Fay has pieced together, from an enormous range of firsthand sources, a vivid, microscopically detailed account."Historian""The work is rich in detail and made richer still by the author's forceful and robust writing style."American Historical ""[D]emonstrates the academic validity and usefulness, as well as the sheer reading pleasure, of narrative historical treatment done properly."Queen's Quarterly""Panoramic, thoughtful, and brilliantly presented. ."Pacific Historical "Fay has pieced together, from an enormous range of firsthand sources, a vivid, microscopically detailed account."Historian"Demonstrates the academic validity and usefulness, as well as the sheer reading pleasure, of narrative historical treatment done properly."Queen's Quarterly"[D]emonstrates the academic validity and usefulness, as well as the sheer reading pleasure, of narrative historical treatment done properly."Queen's Quarterly"Peter Ward Fay has produced a classic study in "The Opium War, 1840-1842"."John K. Fairbank, "New York Times Book "