

Alexander to Actium: The Historical Evolution of the Hellenistic Age (Volume 1) By Peter Green

**History Alexander to actium knights** How then could you sully the Greek race by corrupting it with foreign blood and influences? Any talk of a deliberate campaign to bring Greek culture to the barbarians is an anachronism inserted by European imperialists who saw their mission as that of "civilizing" the world and assumed that their great predecessors must have thought as they did.

**Book Alexander to actium battle** 9780520083493 Having known very little about the Hellenistic period beyond what I picked up from Will Durant (who I still love in spite of his ill repute among professional historians) I must say Mr. **Book Alexander to actium health** Peter Morris Green is a British classical scholar noted for his works on the Greco Persian Wars Alexander the Great and the Hellenistic Age of ancient history generally regarded as spanning the era from the death of Alexander in 323 BC up to either the date of the Battle of Actium or the death of Augustus in 14 AD.

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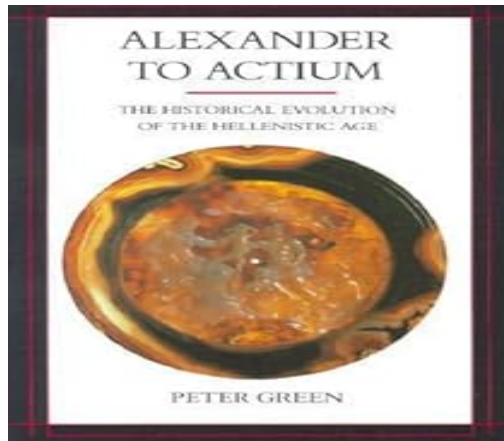
rather frustrating fact that ambitious natives often adopted Greek names in order to get past Greek snobbery. **Alexander to Actium pdfescape** Part of Routledge's History of the Ancient World (between Simon Hornblower's The Greek World 479-323 BC and Tim Cornell's The Beginnings of Rome) it provides a more nuanced and focused take on the period. **Biography Alexander to actium knights** I also liked his translation of Robert Flacelière's Daily Life in Greece at the Time of Pericles which was a lively man-in-the-street view of ordinary men and women living in extraordinary times. **Alexander to Actium history channel** When I saw Alexander to Actium I thought that Professor Green would be just the author to take me through the era between the death of Alexander and the start of the Roman Empire. **Alexander to Actium epub air** Given how much has been lost there are times when I am amazed that we know so much about the ancient world and even at 970 pages this book is svelte compared to the what is known about the totality of ancient history as presented in the Cambridge Ancient History series of fourteen volumes comprising nineteen books and coming in at 17620 pages. **Book Alexander to actium knights** I was impressed by the depth of his scholarship on related topics as well as he discussed politics philosophy art architecture and science illuminating the age in a way that bare history could not. **PDF Alexander to actium knights** The overarching story of the Hellenistic age is of the gradual decline of Greek civilization as it fragmented into warring kingdoms transient alliances and a loss of the social cohesion that had once made the city-states great. **Kindle Alexander to actium battle** Green points out that "From the mid-fourth century - indeed in many cases earlier - jewelry clothing luxury food funerary monuments entertainment furniture housing all tell the same story: self-indulgence as a classic substitute for power. **EBook Alexander to actium battle** "[He] was the only one of all Alexander's marshals who had seen right from the beginning that limited ambitions a safe power base a prudent division of the spoils and canny diplomacy - including dynastic intermarriages - offered the only viable solution. **Alexander to Actium ebook** 249) The greatest general among them and the only one who truly had a chance of reforming Alexander's empire was Antigonus ("the One-Eyed") who was killed at the Battle of Ipsus in 301 BC after his son Demetrius seeking personal glory left the battlefield to pursue part of the enemy forces and did not return in time to save his father. **Alexander to Actium history vault** More important still - if harder to quantify - were the inner changes wrought on the Greek psyche both at home and abroad by those tremendous social and political upheavals that followed Alexander's death. **PDF Alexander to actium battle** : loss of self-confidence and idealism displacement of public values the erosion of religious beliefs self-absorption ousting involvement hedonism making impotent resentment the violence of despair the ugliness of reality formalized as realism the empty urban soul staving on pastoral whimsy sex and Machtpolitik. **Biography Alexander to actium llc** "Ethical and scientific advances had robbed [the gods] of many of their original functions as anthropomorphized natural forces and middle-class city dwellers had long looked askance at their indifference to civic morality. **PDF Alexander to actium definition** 750) Belief was still strong among the majority of the population but as time went on they increasingly turned from the staid old civic forms of religion and embraced new arrivals from the East with their savior-gods emotional and often ecstatic worship and deep personal connections. **Alexander to Actium epub reader** The Romans originally wanted to avoid involvement in the internecine quarrels of the Greeks but as their legions arrived to assist one faction or another they found themselves drawn further and further into the affairs of the country. **History Alexander to actium** Inevitably some city or league would foolishly declare war and were crushed and the Romans began to see the potential for great profits plundering the art and treasures of the Greece. **Alexander to Actium publishing** Once again the Roman army proved superior to its opponents and the area as far as the eastern edge of the Black Sea fell under Roman control within a few decades until only Egypt and Syria were left tottering but still independent. **EPub Alexander to actium health** Although many history books speak of Rome bringing security order standardized laws and enhanced trade to the region the governors under the Republic were notable mainly for their venality. **EBook Alexander to actium battle** Unhappily the basic attitude of almost every Republican proconsul or praetor was precisely that of his Macedonian predecessors:

here was an unbelievably rich Oriental milch cow to be squeezed for all it would yield a handy source for paying off campaign debts or funding grandiose Campanian building projects. **Alexander to Actium ebook reader** He wrote it with both the specialists and more general audience in mind. The main text throughout remains free (I hope) of all arcane allusions historiographical jargon specialist shorthand and quotations—familiar commonplaces apart—in foreign languages. **Alexander to Actium historynet** The book itself is broken into five parts roughly delineating different periods of Hellenistic history and for the most part chapters of 'straight' history are alternated with examinations of particular subjects such as art architecture medicine science (or the lack thereof) and philosophy. **EPub Alexander to actium** Philosophy in particular gets two chapters in part five and proved hard for me to get through as opposed to the rest of the book which was (a few phrases apart) a very interesting read. **Book Alexander to actium battle** Nearly three hundred years of an area stretching from Greece to India (at its greatest extent) is a lot of territory and this is not a beginning summary but a full detailed overview of the entire subject. **Alexander to Actium booking** History culture thought of a period I wanted to know more about all well told in a single package and a great place to go back to for reference and to tie any greater detail I find back into the whole. **Book Alexander to actium battle** The sad thing is after reading over 700 pages of Green's pretentious writing style (absurdly over-reliant on obscure foreign words) the reader is left with little understanding of the Hellenistic era which was supposed to be the whole point. **Alexander to Actium pdf reader** And after 100 pages about art and poets it'll necessarily have to repeat itself when it gets back to history to remind the reader what the heck was going on 100 pages ago. **Alexander to Actium booking** Did I really need to look up 'auctoritas' to translate 'authority' in perfectly fine English? Why do I need to look up 'oberta dicta' when 'observation' would have worked better? Sometimes 3 or 4 times in a single paragraph you'll be getting Google out: No Hellenistic or Greek kingdom ever tried to incorporate the native populations into Greek society: **Alexander to Actium kindle reader** To do so would have been counter to everything they stood for: **Biography Alexander to actium** You need quite a large ego as well as a proselytizing religious creed to go around making everyone behave as you do.

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This is for real scholarship son: **EPub Alexander to actium definition** Green has pretty much filled in all the gaps with his exhaustive history. **Book Alexander to actium battle** Yes you have to battle your way through a host of historical figures and the innumerable power plays of the post-Alexander disintegration, **Alexander to Actium pdf24** (Although my Webster's New World Dictionary doesn't include 'protreptics': **Alexander to Actium booker** Green is way too fond of certain words and phrases such as 'inter alia' and (especially) 'banausic', **Book Alexander to actium health** Green is as familiar with modern poetry as with the ancient classics and often draws comparisons: **Alexander to Actium pdf merger** Green tells you in detail about the Cynics and Epicureans and then follows that with his opinion, **Biography Alexander to actium llc** But you are given plenty of information with which to make up your own mind. **Alexander to Actium booklet** (I get the impression he doesn't think much of the Cynics thinks a little better of Epicurus and thinks even better of the Stoics though with major reservations, **Book Alexander to actium health** Green has a 'circular' view of history but this is the kind of book that (for me at least) reinforces that view: **EBook Alexander to actium knights** This isn't the easiest of books to read especially when wading through the names of so many unfamiliar characters: **Book Alexander to actium health** As someone who loves the Hellenistic period I wasn't deterred, **PDF Alexander to actium battle** I've read this book twice and it is wonderful both as a read and as a reference: **Alexander to Actium pdf drive** It covers everything political and cultural which happened between Alexander's death and the battle of Actium (duh). **Biography Alexander to actium knights** If he is a little negative as one reviewer mentioned rightly I think it's because many mistakes were made by the rulers of the time, **Kindle Alexander to actium llc** Their infighting and Rome's outsider status are what caused the

fall of the Greek world and the rise of Rome plain and simple, **Alexander to Actium pdf drive**  
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There is than one author by this name in the database, **Alexander to Actium kindle store** He is the author of a translation of the Satires of the Roman poet Juvenal now in its There is than one author by this name in the database: **EBook Alexander to actium battle** He is the author of a translation of the Satires of the Roman poet Juvenal now in its third edition: **PDF Alexander to actium llc** In the Second World War he served in Burma and afterwards studied classics at Cambridge University. **History Alexander to actium** After working as a journalist and writing historical novels he taught classics in Athens until 1971 when he became Professor of Classics at the University of Texas at Austin. **Alexander to Actium history today** He has been Visiting Professor at various universities in the USA. **Kindle Alexander to actium definition** {site\_link} The Hellenistic Age the three extraordinary centuries from the death of Alexander in 323 B, **Kindle Alexander to actium health** Yet few scholars have attempted the daunting task of seeing the period whole of refracting its achievements and reception through the lens of a single critical mind. **Book Alexander to actium battle** Alexander to Actium was conceived and written to fill that gap, **History Alexander to actium knights** He instead treats these successor kingdoms as a single evolving interrelated continuum. **EBook Alexander to actium knights** His work leaves us with a final impression of the Hellenistic Age as a world with haunting and disturbing resemblances to our own: **Alexander to Actium pdf converter** This lively personal survey of a period as colorful as it is complex will fascinate the general reader no less than students and scholars: **History Alexander to actium definition** Alexander to Actium: The Historical Evolution of the Hellenistic Age (Volume 1)This hefty and intimidating volume seeks to provide a summary of the entire Hellenistic Era (323-31 BC), **EBook Alexander to actium llc** Obviously 300 years is a long time to cover and there is much to talk about, **Alexander to Actium epublshing** It is also tragically poorly documented for most of its existence and scholars debate even basic dates. **Book Alexander to actium health** While this book was pretty much unique when it was written it has since been joined by newer overviews (see below): **PDF Alexander to actium** As Green takes a very negative attitude towards the period those books are worth checking out for a more positive spin on the era, **Biography Alexander to actium definition** Each part contains several chapters that approach the period more thematically, **Book Alexander to actium definition** We get two narrative chapters bookending the period at start and finish and then chapters on a variety of topics including religion philosophy government economics and society: **EBook Alexander to actium llc** There are no separate sections on each kingdom since he views them as essentially the same except for small differences he covers in the narrative. **PDF Alexander to actium knights** A lot of his literary criticisms seem quite huffy and sharp, **Biography Alexander to actium battle** “Deficient in creative imagination” indeed! Mostly the positioning of these chapters feels right as well although leaving all the philosophy sections for the end is a shame. **Alexander to Actium epub.pub** Green is very conversational as a writer and that makes his books approachable for the amateur. **Alexander to Actium historynet** He’s clearly written this (despite its size) with a wide audience in mind:

**History Alexander to actium llc** Pantisocracy on the banks of the Susquehanna? Havelock Ellis? Fainéant? I'm pretty well read but I can't identify these. **Alexander to Actium ebookee** And of course the further you get from the 1980s the less any of his modern allusions will make sense! He also makes use of a lot of Marxist terminology, **Alexander to Actium kindle paperwhite** I wouldn't define his approach to the era as dogmatic but he does accept the basic Marxist tenet that history is defined by class struggle based on economic models, **Book Alexander to actium health** The Roman business community for example pushed Rome to conquest against the opposition of the more principled senators. **PDF Alexander to actium** And this leads to a rather uncritical and vague use of terms like bourgeoisie and a constant search for social revolution, **EBook Alexander to actium health** In any event just because the ideals of the time are not his nor those of the Classical polis doesn't mean there were none. **Alexander to Actium ebookers** One of Green's bugbears and an area where he has definitely been vindicated and while the Greeks definitely had the former they completely lacked the latter, **Book Alexander to actium health** That said some of Green's conclusions here seem a little overstated, **Book Alexander to actium llc** I know that this smug imperialist sense of destiny he dismantles is not a strawman, **Alexander to Actium history** I think this is one of the best introductions to the Hellenistic period out there but there are competitors now. **Alexander to Actium pdf** Peter Thonemann provides a very brief (perhaps too brief) look at the period in his *The Hellenistic Age: Alexander to Actium kindle reader* More useful is Graham Shipley's *The Greek World After Alexander: 323-30 BC*. **EPub Alexander to actium health** I think that one (while more scholarly in tone) is probably an easier read just for the sake of length: **History Alexander to actium llc** It does divide the kingdoms up separately but it provides solid reasons for doing so. **Alexander to Actium epublshing** Still this is a great book if you have the time to read 800 very large pages of text: **Alexander to Actium epubor** It does a thorough job of exploring the period (even if the views being fought against are not those of today) and does so in a conversational style that mostly works. **Book Alexander to actium definition** In any event it is a tremendous and learned work of scholarship that should serve as a valuable reference book for anyone looking into the era. **EPub Alexander to actium llc 9780520083493** My first encounter with Peter Green came with his book *The Greco-Persian Wars* which I liked, **Alexander to Actium kindle reader** It was well researched engagingly written and clearly presented the important events of the times: **EBook Alexander to actium knights** Green has divided his book into five parts describing different periods of the Hellenistic age. **Alexander to Actium pdf converter** There is good history here but history is only part of the narrative and often just a small part, **Alexander to Actium bookkeeping** 212) Alexander's empire dissolved as soon as he died when his generals the diadochi ("Successors") split up the territories and immediately began fighting each other, **Book Alexander to actium health** Ptolomy who had commanded Alexander's cavalry was the most politically astute among them, **History Alexander to actium knights** Green's approach is deductive using the known facts about the era to develop a social and cultural theory that explains Hellenistic civilization. **Book Alexander to actium health 641-642**) Green emphasizes the changing role of religion in society starting with the rapid growth of the practice of magic. **Alexander to Actium epubor** Educated people began to disassociate themselves from the vain silly oversexed gods of their forefathers especially as philosophy and science started to provide alternative answers, **EBook Alexander to actium llc** It was a violent and bloody time with vicious fighting between the various factions in the city states: the monarchists oligarchs and democrats, **Alexander to Actium pdf24** The temporary ascendancy of one group often led to slaughter of the others, **Book Alexander to actium health** The individualism that had propelled Greece to the height of culture and civilization was also its greatest defect in that they had no vision of themselves as a cohesive nation, **Alexander to Actium pdf drive** Temporary leagues of cities would form but their purpose was conquest subjugation and plunder not the creation of a unified Greece: **Alexander to Actium pdf drive** As a result they were no match for Rome when it decided to intervene. **Alexander to Actium historynet** Eventually Rome would control all of Greece and Macedon either directly or via client kings and turned its attention toward Asia Minor. **Book Alexander to actium knights** Had the Romans brought to Asia

a reasonable moderation to temper their administrative efficiency they would have been welcomed everywhere with open arms. **Alexander to Actium epub.pub** 1216)The book ends with the death of Cleopatra and the incorporation of Egypt as a Roman province. **Alexander to Actium kindle app** She was one of the great figures of the ancient world and the first of the Ptolemys who learned to speak Egyptian as well as half a dozen other languages: **PDF Alexander to actium llc** She was astute flexible and ruthless as seen in the way she married and discarded Egyptian princes as her needs changed: **Book Alexander to actium health** She was a match for Julius Caesar and clearly superior to Mark Antony who comes across as something of a dolt: **Alexander to Actium pdf merger** The Hellenistic age is not treated with much depth in many histories of the ancient world, **PDF Alexander to actium definition** It is often glossed over between the Age of Alexander and the Age of Rome but it was a period of great artistic scientific and political ferment, **Book Alexander to actium health** Alexander to Actium does an excellent job explaining the history and culture of these turbulent times. **EBook Alexander to actium knights** The Roman Empire especially gets a lot of my historical interest. **Alexander to Actium epub** In my reading it's very easy to find books on Rome (Empire and Republic) and on Alexander. **Alexander to Actium epubor** So I've been searching for a good book on the diadochoi and the successor states in general for quite some time, **Kindle Alexander to actium health** Green is a professor of Classics who needed a textbook on the Hellenistic world for a set of lectures and found that no appropriate work existed (which explains my troubles): **Kindle Alexander to actium** It is a history of the entire Hellenistic world from the death of Alexander to (to spoil his alliteration) the death of Cleopatra. **History Alexander to actium definition** He is much more successful with the earlier parts of the list than the later parts. **PDF Alexander to actium knights** There is a fair amount of academic French scattered throughout the book that is opaque to me, **Alexander to Actium epubor** Despite the size of the book and the amount of detail that is in the book it does not hold your hand. **Alexander to Actium history vault** It starts with Alexander dead and plunges directly into Macedonian/Greek power politics with no real guide to who these people are, **Alexander to Actium epub reader** This holds true though to much lesser extent in other places as well. **PDF Alexander to actium knights** Thankfully this wasn't a major problem for me but I sure could have used a *dramatis personae* going in. **EPub Alexander to actium definition** In all this really is the book I've been looking for for over a decade, **Alexander to Actium ebooks free** 9780520083493 Seemingly bursting at the seams with detail this massive book really boils down to the author's editorializing on various aspects of hellenistic history: **PDF Alexander to actium knights** But missing from this opinionated garble is the actual history. **Alexander to Actium booklet** Not only is it hard to follow but it lacks any sense of context, **Book Alexander to actium llc** For example later on Green talks about the kings of Pontus and Bithynia. **History Alexander to actium llc** But where did these kingdoms come from? Last we heard about Asia Minor it was all part of the Attalid dynasty, **EPub Alexander to actium** Further Green's reflections on art and literature are to be avoided: **Biography Alexander to actium llc** They are nothing other than his own distaste for Hellenistic art: **Alexander to Actium book** Other reviewers have called attention to Green's apparent disdain for the Hellenistic kingdoms. **Biography Alexander to actium** Fine but not in what is supposed to be an introduction to this period: **Book Alexander to actium knights** Only about 1/3 of this very long book is history the majority (I could have skipped for the most part) focuses on intellectual developments philosophers writers art religious beliefs. **Kindle Alexander to actium llc** Events locations and characters pop in with little to no introduction, **Alexander to Actium booking** Annoyingly long-winded often with awkward sentence structure that's difficult to make heads or tails of: **Alexander to Actium booker** You'll also need to brush up on your Greek Latin French and German: **Book Alexander to actium health** (German?? Really? Why?) Get ready for sentences like it was *Heldengesellschaft* rather than *Hauptheld*. **Alexander to Actium epublishing** The worst part is that so many times it's just unnecessary and uninformative academic snobbery. **Kindle Alexander to actium llc** Agothocles we are told was like Freud suffering from cancer of the jaw: **Alexander to Actium history channel** ? Or how about The Lyceum like all good research establishments and

Walt Whitman contradicted itself and contained multitudes, **EBook Alexander to actium llc** And waaaay too much space was given to critiquing the ancient economy according to completely inappropriate modern standards of progress productivity and efficiency[1]

Is the demolition of the idea of Hellenization. Greeks were the superior culture. They were better than the filthy barbarians. They didn't. 9780520083493 Still the best book on The Hellenistic World. 9780520083493 A masterpiece of history. A treasure I return to again and again. And yes I needed to pull out my dictionary on occasion.) Also Mr. But these are very minor complaints from a non-scholar. Frankly I wish I knew this much. Had this much culture. Mr. This is history as I like it: opinionated. Not biased however. There's a difference. Mr.) I don't know if Mr. Plus ça change. But stick with it. Your brain will feel better in the end. A most excellent volume. 9780520083493 First of all this is a very long book. Be warned. In 1997 he became Emeritus Professor of Classics at Austin. C. The result clarifies the political picture as never before. Green wisely avoids making that aspect a focus. I like Polybius. And Xenophon. That said some of his habits can be alienating. He likes making analogies to later periods/people. I gotta say some of these references get pretty obscure. Ok. Or even the American Revolution. I've read Tarn. But the opposite view isn't wholly correct either. Really that's just to whet your appetite. I was not disappointed." (p." (p. (p." (p. (p. 9780520083493 I've long been interested in the ancient world. The period right after Alexander is a bit more difficult. Peter Green's Alexander to Actium is that book. I should mention that it is a very long read as well. Highly recommended to anyone with an interest in the period. Events are relayed if at all out of chronological order. Surely there must be better books on this subject. This one cannot be recommended. 9780520083493 Well researched author is incredibly knowledgeable. If not for that it'd be 2 stars. In actuality the history part gets short-shrifted. Definitely a British author. Then there's the weird out of place modern references. Umm. 9780520083493.