



Gathering of Dragons: King Jayavarman VII and Life in the Kingdom of Angkor Through the Eyes of the Dragon (Paperback)

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Createspace Independent Publishing Platform, United States, 2015. Paperback. Condition: New. Language: English . Brand New Book ***** Print on Demand *****.The year is 1214. Ancient, obese, invalided King Jaya Varman VII has been on the throne for thirty years. He is beset by a sycophantic council, and a pair of scheming wives who can't stand each other. He is fed up with climbing the Celestial Temple every night to couple with the Dragon Woman. He wants to abdicate, but his oldest son, Vira, won't accept the challenges of the role as king. His only other surviving heir, Indra, is sixteen and in the king's mind, a fool. Prince Indra and his mother set out on a royal procession to the Hospital Temple of the Entwined Dragons. As they pass through the poor quarter of the city, they are beset by the mob. The queen makes a stand outside the Victory Gate, and kills Bhava, the incompetent head of the army. She presents his Red Sword of Power to Prince Indra. Meanwhile, Dhara, a peasant boy from Thnal Torteng village sets out with his wife and friends to the Temple of the Entwined Dragons. He, like Prince Indra,...

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