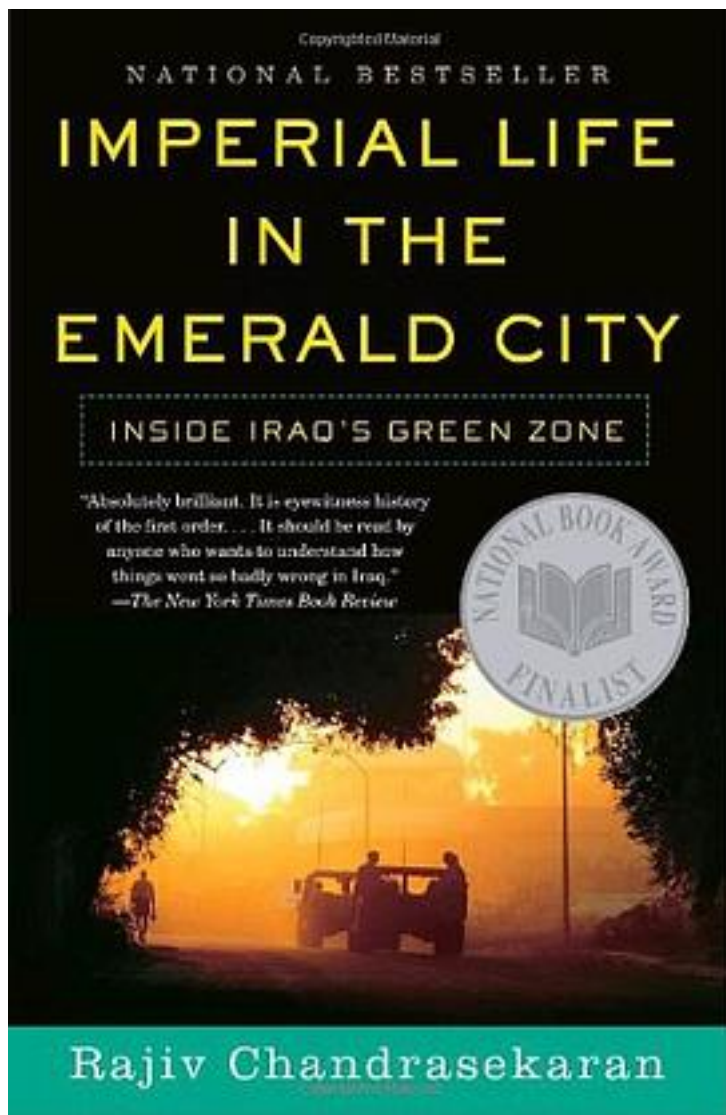


# Imperial Life in The Emerald City



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The Green Zone, Baghdad, 2003: in this walled-off compound of swimming pools and luxurious amenities, Paul Bremer and his Coalition Provisional Authority set out to fashion a new, democratic Iraq. Staffed by idealistic aides chosen primarily for their views on issues such as abortion and capital punishment, the CPA spent the crucial first year of occupation pursuing goals that had little to do with the immediate needs of a postwar nation: flat taxes instead of electricity and deregulated health care instead of emergency medical supplies.

In this acclaimed firsthand account, the former Baghdad bureau chief of The Washington Post gives us an intimate portrait of life inside this Oz-like bubble, which continued unaffected by the growing mayhem outside. This is a quietly devastating tale of imperial folly, and the definitive history of those early days when things went irrevocably wrong in Iraq.

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评论

清晰明了的描绘了不懂国情强行帮别人改革设定政策的结果。关键是这帮美国人完事了之后还觉得自己做的好牛逼伊拉克人从此过上了幸福的日子，结果人家说要不是这帮美国人他们的生活会比现在好多了。内乱，每天只有9小时电，路上堵成狗，各种不安全，上不了课，付不起工资，美国人在伊拉克搞了一两年之后留下的就是这么一堆东西。最可笑的是，后来所有政策，都是为了让布什能连任。美国这帮政治官员简直就是选票driven的典型啊。。。

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