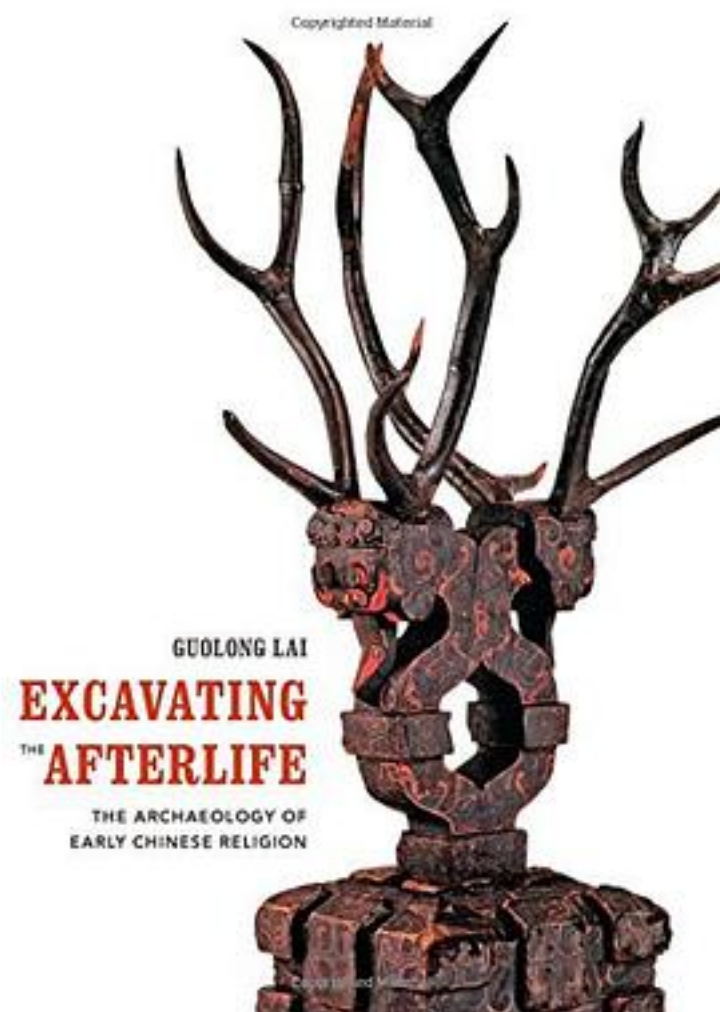


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A methodologically sophisticated synthesis of archaeological, art historical, and textual sources, *Excavating the Afterlife* will be of interest to art historians, archaeologists, and textual scholars of China, as well as to students of comparative religions.

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來國龍博士請白謙慎題書「楚地宗教的考古學研究」。對於非考古學和早期中國史方向之讀者而言，本書的Introduction部份仍不失為很好的寫作示範——清晰告訴讀者前人研究、「楚」之概念、楚地墓葬特點、相關方法論等，優缺點先自我暴露一下。作者先師從李零學簡帛，後從羅泰研究包山楚墓出身，考古學和古文獻學底子兼有。

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