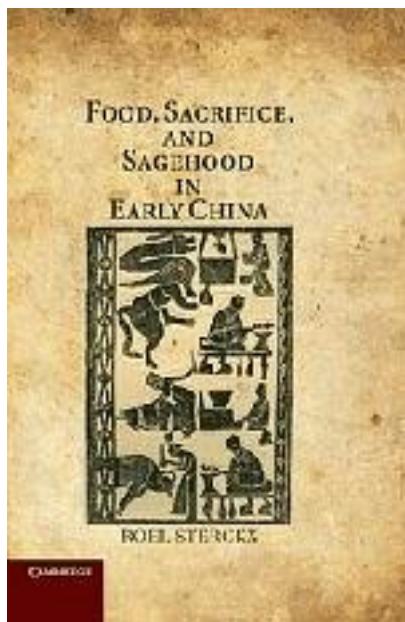


Food, Sacrifice, and Sagehood in Early China



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In ancient China, the preparation of food and the offering up of food as a religious sacrifice were intimately connected with models of sagehood and ideas of self-cultivation and morality. Drawing on received and newly excavated written sources, Roel Sterckx's book explores how this vibrant culture influenced the ways in which the early Chinese explained the workings of the human senses, and the role of sensory experience in communicating with the spirit world. The book, which begins with a survey of dietary culture from the Zhou to the Han and offers some intriguing insights into the ritual preparation of food - some butchers and cooks were highly regarded and would rise to positions of influence as a result of their culinary skills - and the sacrificial ceremony itself. As a major contribution to the study of early China and to the development of philosophical thought, the book will be essential reading for students of the period, and for anyone interested in ritual and religion in the ancient

world.

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评论

选题是好的，但论述一般般，很多篇幅就是在努力解释引文的意思，退一步讲一个老外能去啃最难懂的文言已经很不错了。不过某些细处可以看出其小学功底尚薄，如介之推 Jiezhitui。

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西方汉学界探讨的“早期中国”，一般是指从上古时期直至汉末以前的中国历史。英国汉学家、剑桥学者胡司德 (Roel Sterckx) 的著作，《早期中国的食物、祭祀和圣贤》，就是以这段时期的文献典籍为依据，研究中国人对于食品的态度、认识，以及向神灵祭献贡品的行为及与以上相关的...

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