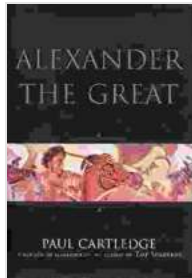


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Cartledge begins by exploring Alexander's early life and education. He was born in 356 BC in Pella, the capital of Macedonia. His father, Philip II, was a brilliant military strategist who had united Macedonia and was preparing to

invade Persia. Alexander's mother, Olympias, was a devout follower of the cult of Dionysus, and she instilled in her son a belief in his own divinity.

Alexander inherited the throne of Macedonia in 336 BC at the age of 20. He quickly proved himself to be a gifted military leader. In a series of brilliant campaigns, he defeated the Persians and conquered their vast empire. He then turned his attention to India, where he fought a series of bloody battles against the Indian king Porus.

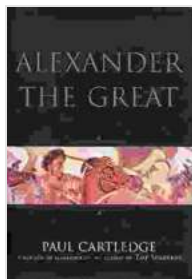
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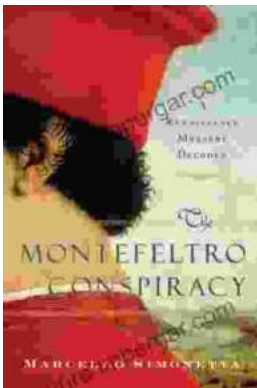
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