

Becoming Charlemagne

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Over thousands of years, the ancient, noble ruler Charlemagne has grown into part of a legend within European history. *Becoming Charlemagne* is a chronicle of the history hidden under myths that people have learned and accepted. The book develops Charlemagne's rise and fall and documents all the rulers that follow after him. The effects of Charlemagne's reign are explored through the history of many different countries across world. Charlemagne and his legacy are truly a great example of history that affects so many.

As a student studying European history, *Becoming Charlemagne* was a fairly interesting book for me to read. However, its contents are very dense and oftentimes, not the easiest to comprehend. The technique Sypeck uses in his book channel that of an actual story. Being one who's accustomed to reading history from a textbook, I found this new style of recalling history very different. The material is quite fascinating, but unless the reader has a true heart for history, I wouldn't suggest it to them. *Becoming Charlemagne* isn't a pleasure reading book, but it definitely would serve great use as a reference material. This isn't the sort of book I would purchase for myself, but as a library book, it's definitely a great option.