

## **Legions of the Fox Fairy**

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An historical adventure based on the life of Shih Yang, a child prostitute in 18th century China who rises to command the largest confederation of pirates in history of the world.

Think "Memoirs of a Geisha" meets "Kill Bill" amidst the backdrop of the South China Coast.

This is not another fictional account of pirates but of an exceptional woman who sought freedom at all costs; and in so doing brought China to its knees and ignited the spirit of her countrymen.

A scream echoes across the dry plains of Kwangtung Province when a fourth daughter, instead of a son, is born to a poor farmer. Unable to support his family without any sons to help work the fields, Shih Yang, their eldest daughter is sold into prostitution on the Flower Boats of Canton.

Rather than be a slave or wife, the only options for women at that time, the spirited little girl vows to obtain privilege and freedom for herself.

Shih Yang is exquisite, so beautiful in fact, that men grow confused just looking at her, so, when a Pirate Captain becomes smitten with her, she uses her beauty to negotiate her "freedom" from the Flower Boat in return for becoming his wife.

But the pirate's livelihood is put in a stranglehold when the Emperor restricts foreign trade to China. Shih Yang masterminds a grand plan to unite the pirate tribes. This awesome force soon takes control of the South China Sea, under the command of Shih Yang's husband.

The Confederation grows wealthy by collecting tributes and protection money. But when her husband dies, Shih Yang seizes command of the Confederation and its success skyrockets. This enrages the Chinese government who doesn't want to admit that this woman, this "flea", has gotten the better of them.

Shih Yang's spiritual powers grow too, and the people begin to call her the Fox Fairy, a woman of great power and danger. After her "wasps of the ocean" decimates the Imperial Navy, China fights back with a new force--the steam powered man of war.

A new era begins and she knows it. But rather than a surrender, she leads a colorful parade of women and children pirates through throngs of well-wishers to the Governor's Palace and negotiates an amnesty deal for herself and her legions-- 80,000 strong.

Even 40 years later, people still come to pay tribute to this woman who sits longingly by the sea. The admiral who achieved true freedom without being a slave or wife.