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## Preface

John Updike once claimed that, in modern times, one was past the age of heroes and hero kings, and that it was therefore up to the writer to make life interesting. With the current volume, we would like to invite you to rediscover an age of legendary kings, and we hope that it proves an interesting journey. Writing this book has been far from a solitary undertaking, and it is our pleasure to thank everyone who has contributed and thereby made this book what it is. The usual disclaimer applies, and all mistakes remain our own.

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