



# Chariot of the Sun

## An Informal History of a Siamese Family

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- First published account in English of one of Siam's foremost families
- Moving and masterful interweaving of a personal story with Siamese history - a beautifully written story with an evocative, elegiac tone - rarely seen archive photographs

A rich and deeply personal journey into the labyrinth of the Thai past, following spectres and vanished landmarks across present day Bangkok. **Chariot of the Sun** relates the history of Siam to that of the author's family story; the Bunnags came from Persia in the early 17th century and through daring, cunning and good fortune were to hold commanding positions of power during the 19th century.

Shane Bunnag's family saga weaves an ancient prophecy with Siamese history to give us a rich and deeply personal account of both his own family and Thai history.

*"Shane Bunnag's artful merging of text and photographs creates an alternative history of Thailand laced with nostalgia and laden with stories – an evocative, dream-like foray into the past that is both enchanting and enlightening."* — **Emma Larkin**, author of *Finding George Orwell in Burma*

