# Manchu Decadence: The China Memoirs Of Sir Edmund Trelawny Backhouse, Abridged And Unexpurgated (China History) 



## Synopsis

In 1898 a young Englishman walked into a homosexual brothel in Peking and began a journey that he claims took him all the way to the bedchamber of imperial Chinaâ ${ }^{T M}$ s last great ruler, the Empress Dowager Tzâ ${ }^{T M} u$ Hsi. The man was Sir Edmund Backhouse, and his controversial memoirs, DÃ©cadence Mandchoue, were published for the first time by Earnshaw Books in 2011. This edition, renamed Manchu Decadence, is abridged and unexpurgated, meaning that it focuses on the most extraordinary and valuable elements of Backhouseâ ${ }^{T M}$ s narrative. Backhouse was a talented sinologist, and his book provides a unique and shocking glimpse into the hidden world of Chinaâ ${ }^{T M}$ s imperial palace, with its rampant corruption, grand conspiracies and uninhibited sexuality.

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