

**How to “read” the Qin and Han funerary law?
——A Case Study in Zhangjiashan
“The Legal Text of Year 2”**

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Abstract

This is a case study in Zhangjiashan “The Legal Text of Year 2”. The paper tries to analyze the reading methods of the Qin and Han funerary law, for instance, word, meaning, grammar, sign in bamboo slips, error and writing of text, bamboo slips arranging, historical vision and burial environment. First, the paper reads the words of the Qin and Han funerary law written on bamboo slips. Then, the paper reads the historical vision behind the law. Finally, the paper “reads” the burial environment of the bamboo slips. As the result, this paper tries to more comprehensively analyze a variety of reading methods of the Qin and Han funerary for the reference of legal history scholars.

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