

## **Silk Road**

Small-scale traders play a crucial role in forging Asian connectivity, forming networks and informal institutions separate from

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those driven by nation-states, such as China's Belt and Road Initiative. This ambitious study provides a unique insight into the lives of the mobile traders from Afghanistan who traverse

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Eurasia. Reflecting on over a decade of intensive ethnographic fieldwork, Magnus Marsden introduces readers to a dynamic yet historically durable universe of commercial and cultural

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connections. Through an exploration of the traders' networks, cultural and religious identities, as well as the nodes in which they operate, Marsden emphasises their ability to navigate

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Eurasia's geopolitical tensions and to forge transregional routes that channel significant flows of people, resources, and ideas. Beyond the Silk Roads will interest those seeking to understand

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contemporary iterations of the Silk Road within the context of geopolitics in the region. This title is also available as Open Access.

DIVDIVFrom China to Facebookistan, the Internet

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has transformed global commerce. A cyber-law expert argues that we must free Internet trade while simultaneously protecting consumers./div/div

The Silk Road is as iconic in

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world history as the Colossus of Rhodes or the Suez Canal. But what was it, exactly? It conjures up a hazy image of a caravan of camels laden with silk on a dusty desert track, reaching from China to Rome.



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The reality was different--and far more interesting--as revealed in this new history. In *The Silk Road*, Valerie Hansen describes the remarkable archeological finds that

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revolutionize our understanding of these trade routes. For centuries, key records remained hidden--sometimes deliberately buried by bureaucrats for safe keeping.

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But the sands of the Taklamakan Desert have revealed fascinating material, sometimes preserved by illiterate locals who recycled official documents to make insoles for shoes or garments

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for the dead. Hansen explores seven oases along the road, from Xi'an to Samarkand, where merchants, envoys, pilgrims, and travelers mixed in cosmopolitan communities, tolerant of religions from

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Buddhism to Zoroastrianism. There was no single, continuous road, but a chain of markets that traded between east and west. China and the Roman Empire had very little direct trade.

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China's main partners were the peoples of modern-day Iran, whose tombs in China reveal much about their Zoroastrian beliefs. Silk was not the most important good on the road; paper, invented

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in China before Julius Caesar was born, had a bigger impact in Europe, while metals, spices, and glass were just as important as silk. Perhaps most significant of all was the road's transmission of ideas,

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technologies, and artistic motifs. The Silk Road is a fascinating story of archeological discovery, cultural transmission, and the intricate chains across Central Asia and China.



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Shadow of the Silk Road records a journey along the greatest land route on earth. Out of the heart of China into the mountains of Central Asia, across northern Afghanistan and the plains of Iran and into

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Kurdish Turkey, Colin Thubron covers some seven thousand miles in eight months. Making his way by local bus, truck, car, donkey cart and camel, he travels from the tomb of the Yellow

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Emperor, the mythic progenitor of the Chinese people, to the ancient port of Antioch—in perhaps the most difficult and ambitious journey he has undertaken in forty years of travel. The Silk

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Road is a huge network of arteries splitting and converging across the breadth of Asia. To travel it is to trace the passage not only of trade and armies but also of ideas, religions and

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inventions. But alongside this rich and astonishing past, *Shadow of the Silk Road* is also about Asia today: a continent of upheaval. One of the trademarks of Colin Thubron's travel writing is

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the beauty of his prose;  
another is his gift for talking  
to people and getting them to  
talk to him. Shadow of the  
Silk Road encounters Islamic  
countries in many forms. It is  
about changes in China,

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transformed since the Cultural Revolution. It is about false nationalisms and the world's discontented margins, where the true boundaries are not political borders but the frontiers of

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tribe, ethnicity, language and religion. It is a magnificent and important account of an ancient world in modern ferment.

How the Web Binds the World  
Together in Commerce

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China ' s Maritime Silk Road  
and Asia

Stranger on the Silk Road

Art from Ancient China

Beyond the Silk Roads

A Story of Ancient China

*A spellbinding novel about*

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*transience and mortality, by one of the most original voices in American literature The Silk Road begins on a mat in yoga class, deep within a labyrinth on a settlement somewhere in the icy north, under the canny guidance of Jee Moon.*

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*When someone fails to arise from  
corpse pose, the Astronomer, the  
Archivist, the Botanist, the Keeper,  
the Topologist, the Geographer, the  
Iceman, and the Cook remember  
the paths that brought them  
there—paths on which they still*

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*seem to be traveling. The Silk Road also begins in rivalrous skirmishing for favor, in the protected Eden of childhood, and it ends in the harrowing democracy of mortality, in sickness and loss and death. Kathryn Davis's sleight*

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*of hand brings the past, present, and future forward into brilliant coexistence; in an endlessly shifting landscape, her characters make their way through ruptures, grief, and apocalypse, from existence to nonexistence, from*

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*embodiment to pure spirit. Since the beginning of her extraordinary career, Davis has been fascinated by journeys. Her books have been shaped around road trips, walking tours, hegiras, exiles: and now, in this triumphant novel, a*

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*pilgrimage. The Silk Road is her most explicitly allegorical novel and also her most profound vehicle; supple and mesmerizing, the journey here is not undertaken by a single protagonist but by a community of separate souls—a*

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*family, a yoga class, a generation.  
Its revelations are ravishing and  
desolating.*

*The Silk Road, which linked  
imperial Rome and distant China,  
was once the greatest thoroughfare  
on earth. Along it travelled*



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*precious cargoes of silk, gold and ivory, as well as revolutionary new ideas. Its oasis towns blossomed into thriving centres of Buddhist art and learning. In time it began to decline. The traffic slowed, the merchants left and finally its towns*

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*vanished beneath the desert sands to be forgotten for a thousand years. But legends grew up of lost cities filled with treasures and guarded by demons. In the early years of the last century foreign explorers began to investigate these*

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*legends, and very soon an international race began for the art treasures of the Silk Road. Huge wall paintings, sculptures and priceless manuscripts were carried away, literally by the ton, and are today scattered through the*

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*museums of a dozen countries.  
Peter Hopkirk tells the story of the  
intrepid men who, at great personal  
risk, led these long-range  
archaeological raids, incurring the  
undying wrath of the Chinese.  
The Silk Road: A Very Short*

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*Introduction is a new look at an ancient subject: the silk road that linked China, India, Persia and the Mediterranean across the expanses of Central Asia. James A. Millward highlights unusual but important biological, technological and*

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*cultural exchanges over the silk roads that stimulated development across Eurasia and underpin civilization in our modern, globalized world.*

*Song Sun likes to talk but never listens. After talking too much to a*

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*stranger, Song Sun accidentally gives away the Chinese secret of silkmaking. Will Song Sun be able to save the secret?*

*China's Quest to Wire the World and Win the Future*

*Life Along the Silk Road*

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*The Silk Road in World History*

*The Electronic Silk Road*

*Shadow of the Silk Road*

*The Silk Road*

Presents a collection of folktales from countries along the ancient trade route from Chang'an, the



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old capital of China, to Samarkand.

The Age of the Silk Roads (c 200 BC- c 900 AD) shaped the course of the future. The foundation by the Han dynasty of an extensive network of

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interlinking trade routes, collectively known as the Silk Road, led to an explosion of cultural and commercial transactions across Central Asia that had a profound impact on civilization. In this second

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volume of his authoritative history of the region, Christoph Baumer explores the unique flow of goods, peoples and ideas along the dusty tracks and wandering caravan routes that brought European and

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Mediterranean orbits into contact with Asia. The Silk Roads, the author shows, enabled the spread across the known world of Christianity, Manichaeism, Buddhism and Islam, just as earlier they had caused Roman

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citizens to crave the exotic silk goods of the mysterious Far East. Tracing the rise and fall of empires, this richly illustrated book charts the ebb and flow of epic history: the bitter rivalry of Rome and Parthia; the lucrative

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mercantile empire of the Sogdians; the founding of Samarkand; and Chinese defeat at the Battle of Talas (751 AD) by the forces of Islam.

An expert on China's global infrastructure expansion provides

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an urgent look at the battle to connect and control tomorrow's networks. From the ocean floor to outer space, China's Digital Silk Road aims to wire the world and rewrite the global order. Taking readers on a journey

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inside China's surveillance state, rural America, and Africa's megacities, Jonathan Hillman reveals what China's expanding digital footprint looks like on the ground and explores the economic and strategic



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consequences of a future in which all routers lead to Beijing. If China becomes the world's chief network operator, it could reap a commercial and strategic windfall, including many advantages currently enjoyed by

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the United States. It could reshape global flows of data, finance, and communications to reflect its interests. It could possess an unrivaled understanding of market movements, the deliberations of

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foreign competitors, and the lives of countless individuals enmeshed in its networks. However, China's digital dominance is not yet assured. Beijing remains vulnerable in several key dimensions, the

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United States and its allies have an opportunity to offer better alternatives, and the rest of the world has a voice. But winning the battle for tomorrow's networks will require the United States to innovate and take

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greater risks in emerging markets. Networks create large winners, and this is a contest America cannot afford to lose. From Roman times until the Age of Exploration, the Silk Road carried goods and ideas across

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Central Asia between two major centers of civilization, the Mediterranean Sea and China. In *The Silk Road: Explore the World's Most Famous Trade Route*, readers ages 9–12 will learn about the history,

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geography, culture, and people of the Silk Road region. Marco Polo was just one of many who set out on the Silk Road in search of wealth, power, or knowledge. These adventurers braved vast deserts, towering

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mountain peaks, warring tribes, and marauding bandits. Silk garments, wool rugs, and fine glass were the prizes for those who survived the trip. Activities using everyday materials bring the Silk Road to life. Young



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readers will see how ideas in math, science, religion, and art were spread by travelers along with the treasures they found. The Silk Road takes readers on an exciting, interactive adventure to a faraway place and

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celebrates its important role in human history and development.

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A History of the Great Trading  
Routes Between East and West  
Empires of the Silk Road  
The Renaissance Bazaar

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Foreign Devils on the Silk Road  
Trade, Travel, War and Faith

**Contains five essays and 130  
entries accompanying an  
exhibition of 180 objects  
from China on the themes of**

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**the Silk Road.  
Norman “Doc” Rodgers is in  
a world of pain. A young  
combat medic in  
Afghanistan, he’s eager to  
avenge his father’s death in  
the World Trade Center and**

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**make sense of a new world that feels like it's fallen to pieces. Haunted by hallucinatory encounters his only solace is a barely concealed addiction to the precious opiates he's**

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**supposed to dole out sparingly to those beyond help. Old Silk Road weaves a striking tale of permanent terror, hazy objectives, shadowy contractors and the toll of modern warfare**

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**on soldiers and civilians alike. In this tautly-plotted debut novel Caro, a veteran who served in Afghanistan, tells the story of a soldier's undoing in raw, incendiary and hypnotic prose. It's an**

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**extraordinary portrait one  
soldier's frustration,  
confusion and ambivalence,  
written by someone who's  
been there.**

**The 21st Century Maritime  
Silk Road (MSR) can be**



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**considered as the most significant strategic outreach by China. It stretches across the large oceanic geography comprising the Western Pacific, the Indian Ocean,**

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**the Mediterranean and the North-Western Atlantic. The initiative, founded on historic recall, aims to build a flourishing multi-sectoral maritime economic network across the entire region with**

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**land corridors connecting to the terrestrial Silk Road Economic Belt (SREB). It is premised on monetary integration, infrastructure development, connectivity and, people-to-people**

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**contacts. It is also an accepted fact that such a vast enterprise would have politics and security as attendant factors. This book examines the broader strategic threads that are at**

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**play in this grand and ambitious trans-regional initiative unveiled by China. The Silk Road was the contemporary name for a complex of ancient trade routes linking East Asia with**

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**Central Asia, South Asia, and the Mediterranean world. This network of exchange emerged along the borders between agricultural China and the steppe nomads during the**

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**Han Dynasty  
(206BCE-220CE), in  
consequence of the inter-  
dependence and the  
conflicts of these two  
distinctive societies. In their  
quest for horses, fragrances,**

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**spices, gems, glassware,  
and other exotics from the  
lands to their west, the Han  
Empire extended its  
dominion over the oases  
around the Takla Makan  
Desert and sent silk all the**



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**way to the Mediterranean, either through the land routes leading to the caravan city of Palmyra in Syria desert, or by way of northwest India, the Arabian Sea and the Red Sea,**

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**landing at Alexandria. The Silk Road survived the turmoil of the demise of the Han and Roman Empires, reached its golden age during the early middle age, when the Byzantine Empire**

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**and the Tang Empire became centers of silk culture and established the models for high culture of the Eurasian world. The coming of Islam extended silk culture to an even larger**

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**area and paved the way for an expanded market for textiles and other commodities. By the 11th century, however, the Silk Road was in decline because of intense competition from**

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**the sea routes of the Indian Ocean. Using supply and demand as the framework for analyzing the formation and development of the Silk Road, the book examines the dynamics of the**

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**interactions of the nomadic pastoralists with sedentary agriculturalists, and the spread of new ideas, religions, and values into the world of commerce, thus illustrating the cultural**

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**forces underlying material transactions. This effort at tracing the interconnections of the diverse participants in the transcontinental Silk Road exchange will demonstrate that the world**

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**had been linked through economic and ideological forces long before the modern era.**

**The Silk Road Journey With Xuanzang**

**How a Rising Arab World is**



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and Rediscovering China**

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**A New History of the World**

**A New History**

**Stories from the Silk Road**

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by Bloomsbury Publishing  
Plc, London, in  
2015..."--Title page verso.  
From the Sunday Times and  
internationally bestselling  
author of The Silk Roads:  
everything you need to know*

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*about the present and future  
of the world 'Masterly  
mapping out of a new world  
order' Evening Standard  
'Frankopan is a brilliant  
guide to terra incognita'  
The Times The New Silk Roads  
- Peter Frankopan's follow-*

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*up to the 'Book of the Decade', The Silk Roads - takes a fresh look at the network of relationships being formed along the length and breadth of the Silk Roads today. The world is changing dramatically and*

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*in an age of Brexit and Trump, the themes of isolation and fragmentation permeating the western world stand in sharp contrast to events along the Silk Roads, where ties have been strengthened and mutual*

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*cooperation established.  
Following the Silk Roads  
eastwards from Europe  
through to China, by way of  
Russia and the Middle East,  
The New Silk Roads provides  
a timely reminder that we  
live in a world that is*

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*profoundly interconnected.  
In this prescient  
contemporary history, Peter  
Frankopan assesses the  
global reverberations of  
these continual shifts in  
the centre of power - all  
too often absent from*

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*headlines in the west. This important - and ultimately hopeful - book asks us to reread who we are and where we are in the world, illuminating the themes on which all our lives and livelihoods depend. The Silk*



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*Roads, a major reassessment of world history, has sold over 1 million copies worldwide.*

*Examines the history of the Silk Road, the name given to a series of three major trade routes and hundreds of*

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*smaller side roads by which goods were transported from China to countries and empires around the Mediterranean Sea, and discusses the importance of the Silk Road in the exchange of information and*

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*ideas.*

*Nothing in history sounds grander than a trade route, one of those thick bold lines on the statistical maps by which people have exchanged the products of their hands, minds, and*

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*sporadically, even hearts.  
Some of the routes have  
shaped history, rather than  
merely reflecting it.  
Primary among them is the  
Silk Road, the overland  
route across Asia that  
endured for more than 1,000*

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*years as a crossroad from East to West. Here, in this essay by historian David Grace is the story of one of the great highways of trade. Explore the World's Most Famous Trade Route with 20 Projects*

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*from the Silk Road to  
Michelangelo*

*Vegan, Vegetarian and Gluten  
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101 Recipes]*

*A Novel*

*Aspects of the Maritime Silk*

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*Road*

*Connecting Histories and  
Futures*

*It was the eBay of  
drugs, a multi-billion  
dollar empire. And  
behind its heart of*

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*darkness was the FBI's  
Most Wanted Man, a  
mysterious crime czar  
dubbed Dread Pirate  
Roberts. SILKROAD.COM  
lay at the heart of 'the  
Dark Web' - a parallel*



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*universe of porn, guns,  
assassins and drugs.  
Lots of drugs. With the  
click of a button LSD,  
heroin, meth, coke, any  
illegal drug imaginable,  
would wing its way by*

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*regular post to any dealer or user in the world. How was this email-order drug cartel even possible? And who was the mastermind all its low roads led to?*

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*This is the incredible true story of Silk Road's rise and fall, told with unparalleled access to the main players - including alleged founder and*

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*kingpin Dread Pirate  
Roberts himself - by  
lawyer and investigative  
journalist Eileen  
Ormsby. A stunning crime  
story with a truth that  
explodes off the page.*

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*The Silk Road in World  
History* Oxford University  
Press

*The rise of the Arab  
world and China are part  
of the same story, once  
trading partners via the*

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*Silk Road. This is a fully revised and updated account of how China is spurring growth in the Arab world, taking into account new developments that have*

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*taken place since the first edition.*

*Describes the discovery and production of silk in ancient China, the exchange of goods, culture, and ideas which*

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*accompanied the silk caravans along the road from East to West, the experiences of the western traveler to the East, and the decline of the Chinese silk trade.*



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*Illustrated with  
contemporary prints and  
drawings.*

*Peoples, Cultures,  
Landscapes*

*The History of Central  
Asia*

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*East to Cathay  
From the Persian Gulf to  
the East China Sea*

*Silk Roads*

Kuzmina combines detailed  
research in archaeology with

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evidence from physical anthropology, linguistics, and other fields to look at the history of the Eurasian steppe before the great trade routes along the 'Silk Road' became established. "Evocative and enigmatic, the

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Silk Road occupies a unique place in contemporary culture and international affairs. Across the world, it has captured the imagination as a story of camel caravans crossing desert and mountain, of precious goods

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moving between East and West, and of ideas, religions and technologies migrating across land and sea. As China seeks to "revive" the Silk Roads for the twenty-first century, this compelling, yet poorly

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understood, narrative of history now serves as a platform for building trade, diplomatic, infrastructure and geopolitical connections. "The Silk Road: Connecting Histories and Futures" is the first book to

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critically investigate the merits and problems of this fabled geocultural narrative of history, and map out the role it plays in international affairs. Four thematic sections trace its rise to global fame as a domain of

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scholarship and foreign policy, a celebration of peace and internationalism, and how it created dreams of exploration and grand adventure. China's Health Silk Road and civilizational politics are among



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the themes discussed that open up the Silk Roads as a space for critical enquiry"--

In the recent years, trade, cultural exchange and transfer of knowledge in the Indian Ocean have come increasingly into the

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scope of various scholarly disciplines. The previous perception that the exploitation of this sea did only start with the European colonial expansion at the end of the 15th century had to be abandoned: The

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Europeans absorbed the long existing structures rather than creating new ones. This concept of the Indian Ocean as a coherent space of transfer is also adopted in this volume. Some of the articles were presented at a

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conference held in Vienna, while the others were supplied independently. The contributions are arranged around the two "poles", represented by the western and the eastern part of the Indian Ocean, especially Iran

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and China, but also other cultures and the manifold relations with the land-based Silk Road are discussed. The time frame ranges from the 14th to the 17th century.

The Silk Road Journey with

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Xuanzang tells the saga of the seventh-century Chinese monk Xuanzang, one of China's great heroes, who completed an epic sixteen-year-long journey to discover the heart of Buddhism at its source in India. Eight

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centuries before Columbus, this intrepid pilgrim traveled 10,000 miles on the Silk Road, meeting most of Asia's important leaders at that time. In this revised and updated edition, Sally Hovey Wriggins, the first Westerner to

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walk in Xuanzang's footsteps, brings to life a courageous explorer and devoutly religious man. Through Wriggins's telling of Xuanzang's fascinating and extensive journey, the reader comes to know the contours of



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the Silk Road, Buddhist art and archaeology, the principles of Buddhism, as well as the geography and history of China, Central Asia, and India. The Silk Road Journey with Xuanzang is an inspiring story of human

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struggle and triumph, and a touchstone for understanding the religions, art, and culture of Asia.

Riding on a Caravan

The New Silk Roads

The Age of the Silk Roads

The Silk Road: A Very Short

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Introduction

The Digital Silk Road

The Present and Future of the  
World

**Covering five thousand  
years of history and delving  
deeply into the archives the**

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**British Museum and other famous collections of art and antiquities, this fascinating tour of a storied trade route introduces readers to the sights, sounds, smells, and tastes**

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**of this legendary trail.  
(History)**

**"In this long-awaited second edition, Susan Whitfield expands her trailblazing exploration of the Silk Road and broadens**

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**her rich and varied portrait of life along the great premodern trade routes of Eurasia. This new edition is comprehensively updated to support further understanding of themes**

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**relevant to global and comparative history. In the first 1,000 years after Christ, merchants, missionaries, monks, mendicants, and military men traveled on the vast**

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**network of Central Asian tracks that became known as the Silk Road. Whitfield recounts the lives of twelve individuals who lived at different times during this period, including two new**



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**characters: an African shipmaster and a Persian traveler and writer during the Arab caliphate. With these additional tales, Whitfield extends both geographical and**

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**chronological scope, bringing into view the maritime links across the Indian Ocean and depicting the network of north-south routes from the Baltic to the Gulf. Throughout the**

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**narrative, Whitfield conveys a strong sense of what life was like for ordinary men and women on the Silk Road, the individuals usually forgotten to history. A work of great scholarship,**

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**Life along the Silk Road continues to be extremely accessible and entertaining"--Provided by publisher.**  
**More than ever before, the Renaissance stands as one**

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**of the defining moments in world history. Between 1400 and 1600, European perceptions of society, culture, politics and even humanity itself emerged in ways that continue to affect**

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**not only Europe but the entire world. This wide-ranging exploration of the Renaissance sees the period as a time of unprecedented intellectual excitement and cultural experimentation**

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**and interaction on a global scale, alongside a darker side of religion, intolerance, slavery, and massive inequality of wealth and status. It guides the reader through the key issues that**

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**defined the period, from its art, architecture, and literature, to advancements in the fields of science, trade, and travel. In its incisive account of the complexities of the political**



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**and religious upheavals of the period, the book argues that Europe's reciprocal relationship with its eastern neighbours offers us a timely perspective on the Renaissance as a moment**

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**of global inclusiveness that still has much to teach us today.**

**"In the 1950's one of the most commonly-asked questions in America was, Who Lost China? Well,**

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**comfortable as it might have been to pin the blame upon 'fellow travelers' or suchlike, the real answer may involve such names as Sven Hedin, Aurel Stein, von Le Coq, and Langdon**

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**Warner. And who, pray,  
were they? Merely  
individuals who in the name  
of science plundered China  
as the generals and  
merchants never dreamed  
of doing. Gold and silk**

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**could be replaced; a nation's history could not. Peter Hopkirk has told a sad tale with remarkable compassion." Reviewed by Daniel Weiss, Virginia Quarterly Review**

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Quarterly Review).  
Two Thousand Years in the  
Heart of Asia  
The Glory of the Silk Road  
A History of Central Eurasia  
from the Bronze Age to the**

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**Present**  
**The Search for the Lost**  
**Treasures of Central Asia**  
**Silk Road Internet Address**  
**& Password Logbook**  
**The Silk Roads**  
*Far more than a history of*

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*the Silk Roads, this book is truly a revelatory new history of the world, promising to destabilize notions of where we come from and where we are headed next. From the*



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*Middle East and its political instability to China and its economic rise, the vast region stretching eastward from the Balkans across the steppe and South Asia has been thrust into the global*

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*spotlight in recent years. Frankopan teaches us that to understand what is at stake for the cities and nations built on these intricate trade routes, we must first understand their*

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*astounding pasts. Frankopan realigns our understanding of the world, pointing us eastward. It was on the Silk Roads that East and West first encountered each other through trade and conquest,*

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