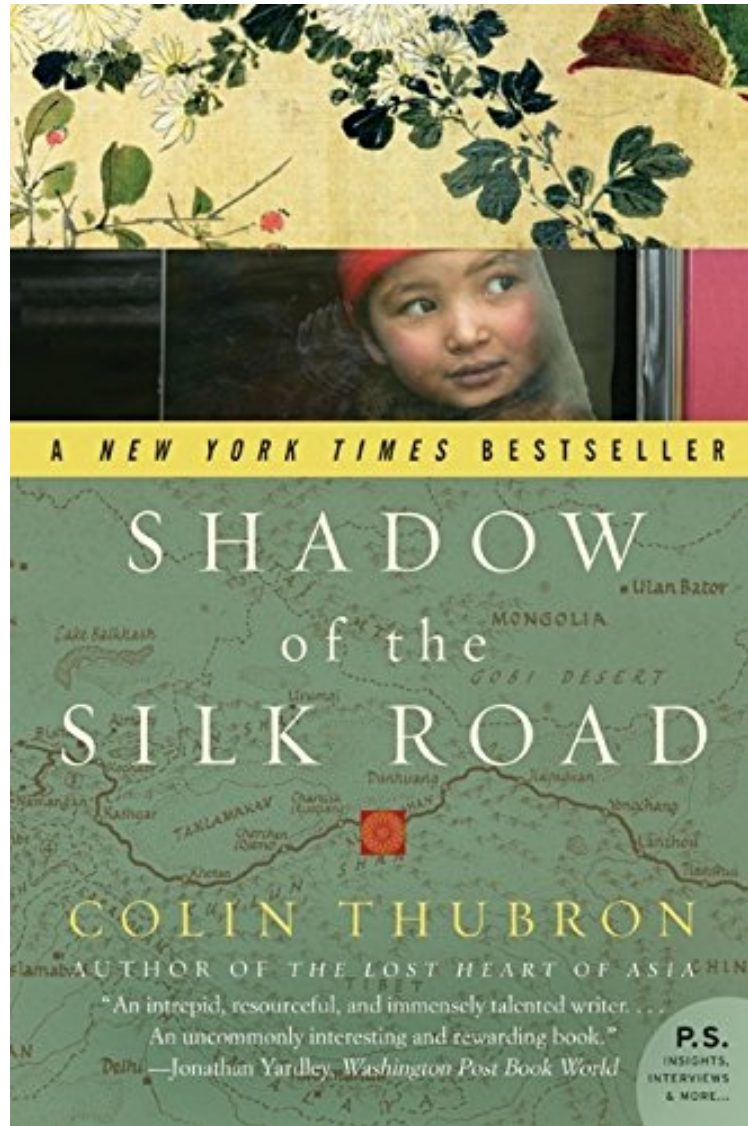


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us on every plate. The importance of the Silk Road in the history of commerce between East and West down through the ages is beautifully described here. But, we also have before us a story full of a rich history, lost empires, vanished people set in an area full of religious and ethnic strife that resonates for us today. The author knows this history, the people and the strife along the Silk Roads long troubled past. The author takes us along for the journey and we are enriched for it. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. it is a good read! By Customer Interesting read... full of experiences that seem jumbled and disconnected. They are only connected by his path of the Silk Road and the people he meets. It really seems to reflect the nature of the Silk Road itself... It can be mind boggling with all the names, places and some terminology that is unfamiliar (I learned a lot of new words) but if you let it play out, it is a good read! 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Four Stars By Bette Farrer I enjoyed all the places and people he described. It helped me learn more about the area and history.

To travel the Silk Road, the greatest land route on earth, is to trace the passage not only of trade and armies but also of ideas, religions, and inventions. Making his way by local bus, truck, car, donkey cart, and camel, Colin Thubron covered some seven thousand miles in eight months out of the heart of China into the mountains of Central Asia, across northern Afghanistan and the plains of Iran into Kurdish Turkey and explored an ancient world in modern ferment.

From Publishers Weekly Starred . In his latest absorbing travel epic, Thubron (*In Siberia; Mirror to Damascus*) follows the course at least the general drift of the ancient network of trade routes that connected central China with the Mediterranean Coast, traversing along the way several former Soviet republics, war-torn Afghanistan, Iran and Turkey. The author travels third-class all the way, in crowded, stifling railroad cars and rattle-trap buses and cars, staying at crummy inns or farmers' houses, subject to shakedowns by border guards and constant harassment even quarantine by health officials hunting the SARS virus. Physically, these often monotonously arid, hilly regions of Central Asia tend to go by in a swirl of dun-colored landscapes studded with Buddha shrines in varying states of repair or ruin, but Thubron's poetic eye still teases out gorgeous subtleties in the panorama. Certain themes also color his offbeat encounters with locals most of them want to get the hell out of Central Asia but again he susses out the infinite variety of ordinary misery. The conduit by which an entire continent exchanged its commodities, cultures and peoples Thubron finds traces of Roman legionaries and mummies of Celtic tribesmen in western China the Silk Road becomes for him an evocative metaphor for the mingling of experiences and influences that is the essence of travel. (July 3) Copyright Reed Business Information, a division of Reed Elsevier Inc. All rights reserved. From Bookmarks Magazine Colin Thubron has spent a lifetime exploring Asia, and he displays his significant regional knowledge and experience in *Shadow of the Silk Road*. Universally acknowledged as one of our best living travel writers, Thubron brings to this book the astute perception for which he is known and the beautiful prose style he has honed for more than 40 years; what is even more impressive, however, is the incredible sense of enthusiasm he brings both to his journey and to his writing. As Jonathan Yardley wrote in the *Washington Post*, "Colin Thubron [is an] intrepid, resourceful and immensely talented writer who has made a career out of going to out of the way places and then writing brilliantly about them." *Shadow of the Silk Road* is Thubron at his best. Copyright 2004 Phillips Nelson Media, Inc. From Booklist The Silk Road was an ancient trade route between China and the Mediterranean Sea, extending 7,000 miles and linking the Celestial Empire with the Roman one. Marco Polo followed the route on his journey to Cathay. Thubron, the author of 15 other books, chronicles his trip along the legendary road from China into the mountains of Central Asia, across northern Afghanistan and the plains of Iran, and into Kurdish Turkey. He vividly describes the people he meets, the restaurants he eats in, the hotels in which he stays, and the beauty of the mountains, rivers, deserts, and trees. He talks to policemen, traders, farmers, camel drivers, and a band of pilgrims kneeling in the dunes to pray; he takes pleasure in remembering "food palaces worked by waitresses in crimson and gold-frogged uniforms who were giggling and careless" and an old woman asleep by a holy spring, her head resting on the gnarled trunk of a tree. An illuminating account of a breathtaking journey. George Cohen Copyright American Library Association. All rights reserved