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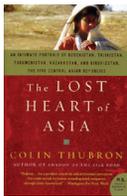
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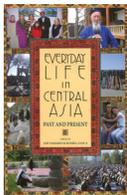
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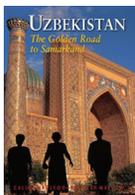
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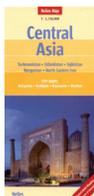
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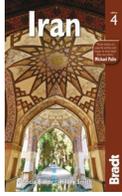


MacLeod, Calum, and Bradley Mayhew. *Odyssey Guide Uzbekistan*. Odyssey Publications, 2014. A concise introduction to Uzbekistan, its history, culture and attractions, featuring full-color maps and excellent photography. Covering Bukhara, Samarkand and Tashkent. (PAPER, 393 Pp., \$27.95, **Item CAS23**)

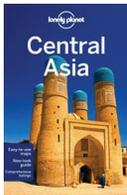


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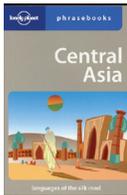
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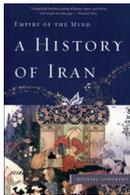


Lonely Planet. *Lonely Planet Central Asia*. Lonely Planet Publications, 2014. A comprehensive, detailed guide to travel in the region, including Afghanistan, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Turkmenistan and Uzbekistan. (PAPER, 512 Pp., \$34.99, **Item CAS42**)

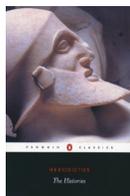


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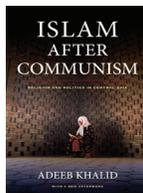
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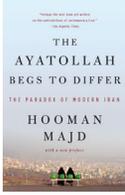
Axworthy, Michael. *A History of Iran, Empire of the Mind*. Perseus, 2010. A refreshingly objective and lucid history from the time of the prophet Zoroaster to the present. Recommended for anyone wanting to understand Iran's political and cultural place in the world. (PAPER, 347 Pp., \$18.00, **Item IRN94**) **



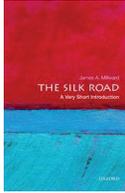
Herodotus. *The Histories*. Penguin, 1994. In what may be the first travel book, Herodotus records the heroic struggle between Europe and Asia that culminated in the invasion of Greece by Xerxes. (PAPER, 656 Pp., \$13.00, **Item MED15**)



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Majd, Hooman. *The Ayatollah Begs to Differ*. Doubleday, 2009. An American journalist (who translated for Ahmadinejad at the UN), grandson of an eminent ayatollah and the son of an Iranian diplomat, Majd introduces Persian culture and modern Iran with insight and depth. (PAPER, 272 Pp., \$14.95, **Item IRN67**)**

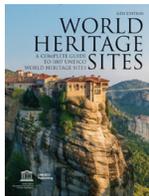


Millward, James A.. *The Silk Road, A Very Short Introduction*. Oxford University Press, 2013. Millward's pocket history highlights the important exchanges of goods, ideas and spiritualities that traveled the Silk Road, the Mediterranean's link to Persia, India and China. (PAPER, 168 Pp., \$11.95, **Item CAS212**)

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Nebenzahl, Kenneth. *Mapping the Silk Road and Beyond*. Phaidon Press, 2011. This visually stunning collection of 80 rare illuminated manuscripts, early modern masterpieces and archival maps traces two millennia of exploration across Asia. (HARD COVER, 176 Pp., \$29.95, **Item CAS113**)

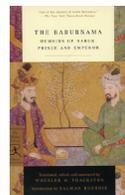


UNESCO Publishing. *World Heritage Sites*. Firefly Books, 2015. How many have you visited? This beautifully illustrated compendium, just revised, includes color photographs, a map and succinct descriptions of each of the 1,007 archaeological sites, monuments, cities and parks inscribed by UNESCO from 1978 to 2014. Organized by order of inscription. (PAPER, 936 Pp., \$29.95, **Item CON53**)

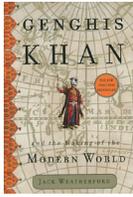
TRAVEL, BIOGRAPHY & MEMOIR



Manz, Beatrice Forbes. *The Rise and Rule of Tamerlane*. Cambridge University Press, 1999. A portrait of the great nomadic conqueror who rose to power in 1370 on the ruins of the Mongol Empire and led campaigns from Moscow to Delhi. (PAPER, 231 Pp., \$34.99, **Item CAS11**)



Shah, Zahiruddin Babur, Salman Rushdie (Introduction), and Wheeler M. Thackson (Translator). *The Baburnama: Memoirs of Babur, Prince and Emperor*. Modern Library, 2002. The candid memoir of the first Moghul emperor of India (universally known as Babur), descended from Tamerlane. (PAPER, 608 Pp., \$20.00, **Item CAS149**)

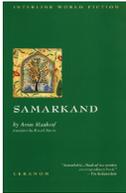


Weatherford, Jack. *Genghis Khan and the Making of the Modern World*. Crown, 2005. Weatherford interweaves his own travels and field work on the Central Asian steppe, much of it on horseback, with a lively portrait of Genghis Khan and the world of the medieval Mongols. (PAPER, 352 Pp., \$16.00, **Item CAS106**)

LITERATURE



Ferdowsi, Abolqasem, Azar Nafisi (Introduction), and Dick Davis (Translator). *Shahnameh, The Persian Book of Kings*. Penguin, 2016. A sparkling new translation, in verse and prose, of the beloved 10th-century Persian epic. (PAPER, 1008 Pp., \$30.00, **Item MDE161**)**



Maalouf, Amin, and Russell Harris (Translator). *Samarkand, A Novel*. Interlink Publishing Group, 1998. A fictional history of Persia featuring Omar Khayyam, the 11th-century poet and author of the “Rubaiyat.” Written by Lebanese novelist Amin Maalouf. (PAPER, 304 Pp., \$14.95, **Item CAS69**)

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