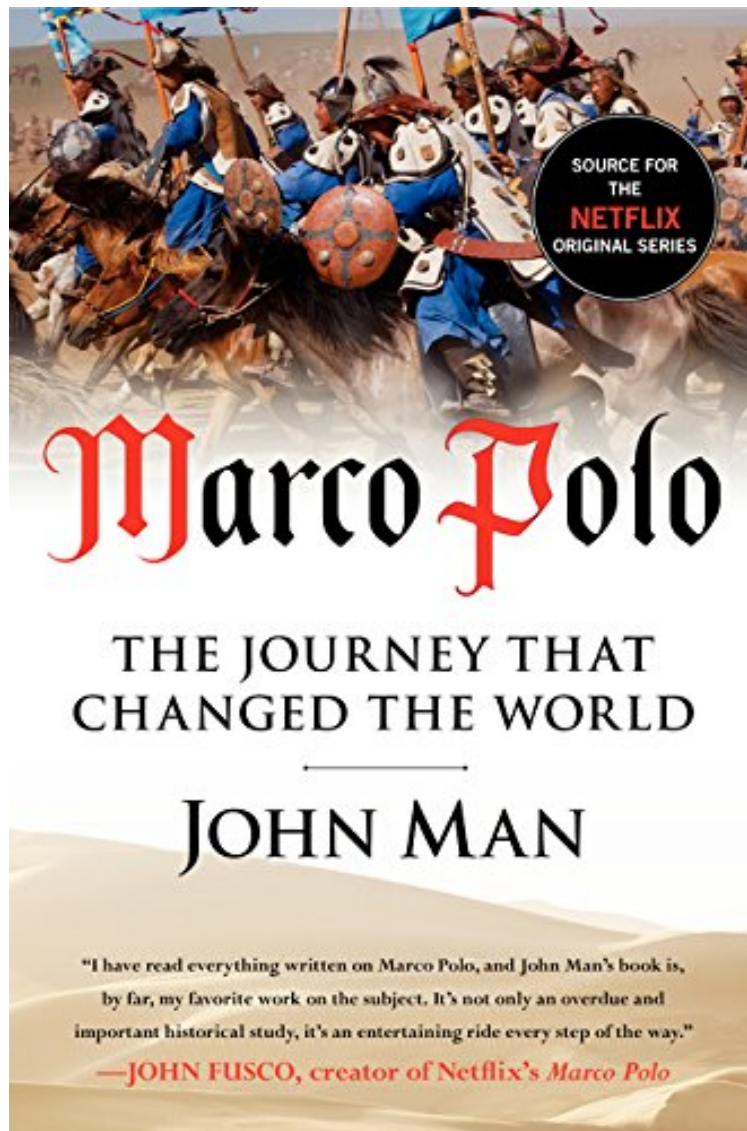


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7 of 7 people found the following review helpful. Extremely interesting and informative! By S. Kim This was an excellent review of what's currently known about Marco Polo and his journey. The author has a direct writing style with sense of humor that I appreciated. Some nonfiction can be very dry and hard to follow, but not so with this book; I found myself devouring this book, as curious to know what would happen next as if I was reading fiction! The author

clearly describes Marco Polo's journey and some of the conflicts in the research with his analysis - all in perfectly understandable language. I didn't know much at all about Marco Polo before I read this (only the game and that he went to China!) but I feel I have a pretty comprehensive knowledge about his journey now. I would highly recommend this book to anybody who has the least curiosity about history. I am not a history buff, by any means, but I found this book extremely interesting and informative. 6 of 7 people found the following review helpful. Culturally enriching
By John H. Bennett
Amazing discussion of Marco Polo, his life, his book, and how his book opened up the mind of Europe to China, the Far East, and to the adventure into the New World of North and South America. The Marco Polo book itself is essentially unreadable except by academics, and it is easy for a modern, nonscholastic reader to dismiss it as an erroneous account of events that occurred long ago--which is literally an accurate assessment--but John Man manages to explain the intricacies of the book and put the book, and the civilization, people and places it describes into context. I feel culturally enriched by the experience of reading this book. 12 of 13 people found the following review helpful. If you like the show, you'll love the book.
By Stephen Woodward
After watching Netflix's new series "Marco Polo" I was inspired to learn more about this incredible story and man. The book doesn't disappoint. I found it completely engrossing, especially the way the author inserts his own personal travels to Asia into the narrative. It's sort of a historical travelogue, recounting Polo's travels. According to the book cover, this book was the main source for the TV show, and it shows. If you like the show, you'll love the book.

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From Booklist
Ever since he related the exploits of his journey to the empire of the great khan in the late thirteenth century, Marco Polo and his stories have been the subjects of speculation, fascination, and skepticism. Then and now, a few scholars even doubt he ever reached China. Readers will find no such doubts in Man's breathlessly admiring account of Polo's travels and their significance. Man himself actually followed much of Polo's route to the Chinese summer capital, Shangdu (Xanadu in Coleridge's famous poem), accompanied by a Chinese guide and archaeologist. Of course, many of the sites witnessed by Polo are now in ruins, but Man uses reasonable speculations to attempt to recreate them as Polo would have seen them. Man's boundless enthusiasm for his subject is infectious, and he effectively conveys the sense of novelty and wonder that Polo experienced. Perhaps this account could have benefited from a touch of skeptical questioning, but this is still a fine retelling of a great and vital adventure in human history. --Jay Freeman
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Beautifully charted. ... An in-the-footsteps-of-Marco-Polo journey through Europe to China which really makes you feel you are wearing Polo's slippers as you go. (Scotsman (A Best Book of the Year selection))
An engaging piece of storytelling and a very companionable journey of exploration. (The Guardian)
An erudite and lively piece of travel writing, and an excellent read. (Sunday Telegraph)
Enjoyable. ... Fascinating. ... Man's erudition and hands-on approach to solving historical questions is endearing and keeps the pages turning. (Asian of Books)
One could ask for no better storyteller or analyst than John Man. (Simon Sebag Montefiore, author of Jerusalem: The Biography)
John Man's ability to put us in the picture, to feel, smell, and almost touch the surroundings he describes, is matched by his ability to tell a good story. (Michael Palin)
Inspiring for travelers. (Lonely Planet)
[Man] has sifted through Polo's fanciful tale Polo's observations are compelling, but his omissions are intriguing, and Man rushes to fill them with accounts of his own travels with a guide across the Asian steppes and desert. (Kirkus)
An enjoyable read that is recommended for anyone with a general interest in the subject. (Library Journal (starred review))
Great good fun. ... [Man] cultivates the sense of wonder in describing unknown lands and unknown peoples, making it easy to imagine being at the court of Kublai Khan, the most powerful man of the time, and experiencing the wonders of another time and place. (San Francisco Book)
From the Back Cover
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