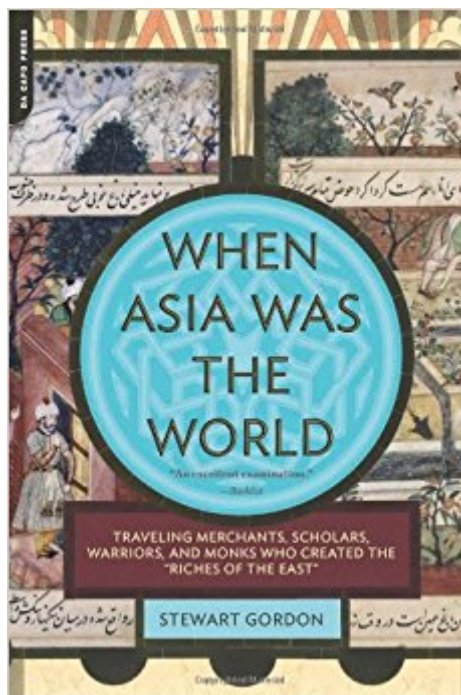


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excellent coverage of a history not covered in our schools. well written.

I stumbled on this book by accident and then could not stop reading - till I came to the last page.Spending much time in Asia i was fascinated by the history Gordon covered - going back 2500 years.We all learn too little about the 'middle east' - Asia when undergoing our basic education.The scholars and traders were truly learned and adventurous. This is a book to be read by all.

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