SHORT LIST OF SILK ROAD BOOKS

Bulnoise, Luce. "The Silk Road- Monks, Warriors, and Merchants", Odysey, 2008. One of the best of the current Silk Road book, scholarly but readable, well illustrated, maps, photos.

Whitfield, Susan. "Life Along the Silk Road", 2002. Historical fiction of life along the Silk Road when it flourished during the Tang Dynasty (625-920 AD). Enjoyable, relaxing.

Hopkirk, Peter. "The Great Game". Fascinating onarrative of 100 years of conflict between Russia and England for control of the Silk Road. Diplomats, warriors, spies, politicians, explorers, etc.

Cable, Mildred. et al. "Through the Jade Gate and Central Asia" 1926. Silk Road classic. A remarkable tale of three middle-aged English women who traveled on foot for 3,000 miles across the Gobi Desert and much of the rest of the Silk Road in chaotic times. Adventure, good descriptions of actual conditions.

Polo, Marco. "The Travels". 13th Century Silk Road travel.

Wood, Francis. "The Silk Road". 2002. A Folio book selection, beautifully illustrated, well written, many fine photographs.

Macartney, Lady Catherine. "An English Lady in Chinese Turkestan". 1931. Captivating true account of a 21 year old English woman and wife of the British consul in Kashgar in turbulent times.

Kipling, Rudyard. "Kim" 1901. One of several Kipling books which takes place on the Silk Road. First to mention "The Great Game".