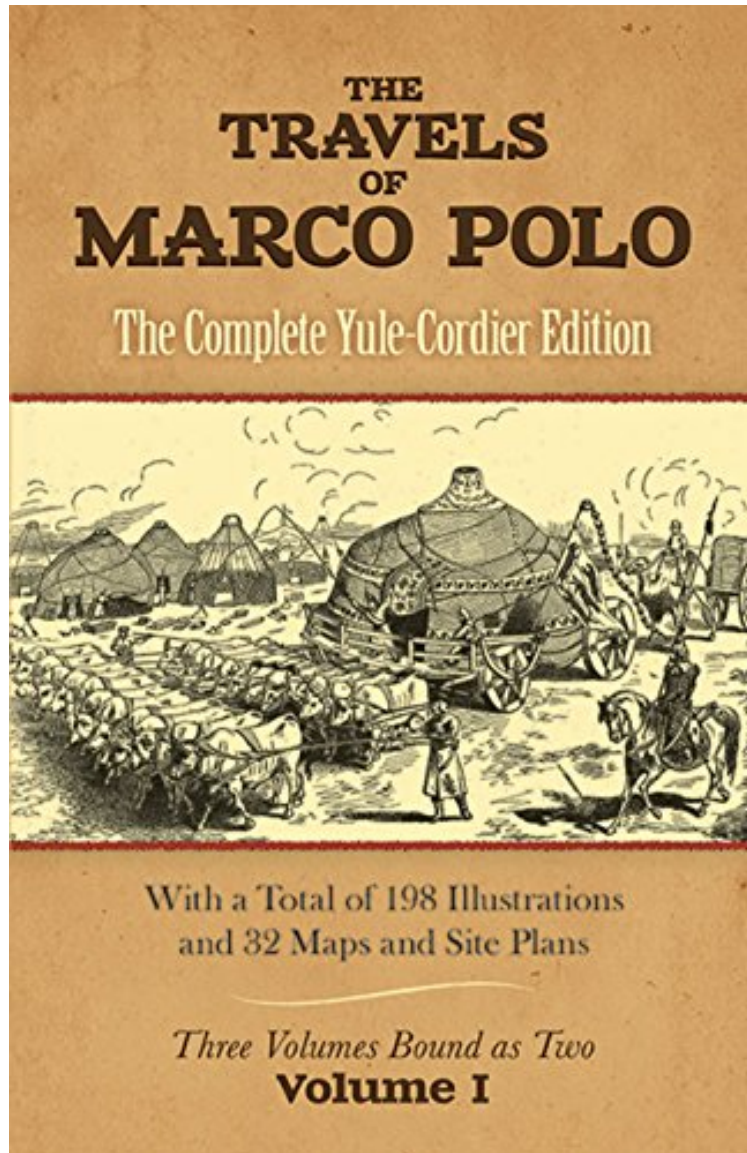


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my mind, Sir Henry Yule is Marco's redeemer. His translation and epic compilation is still the 'Go To' book on Marco Polo. So much so, that my colleague and I relied on it daily, we slept with it, it never left our side, and we called it our 'Bible', during our retracing of Marco Polo legendary 25.000 Silk Road journey for the first and still only time in history. Yule was a Scottish Orientalist educated at both the University of Edinburgh and the College of London. He published and edited many travel books, *The Travels of Marco Polo*, being the most important. Henry was commissioned in the British army and served in India. This began his fascination with the people and the region. Upon retirement he devoted his leisure time to medieval history and geography of Central Asia. From his library he would research and send out inquiries throughout the world, to statesmen, foreign diplomats, early explorers, and soldiers in the field, anyone who might have a grain of knowledge or new information. Many areas in China, especially the desert regions, were being traversed for the first time by western scholars and adventurers, since Polo himself. He investigated each and every word and sentence of Polo's account. After sifting through this huge jigsaw puzzle, he carefully notated every entry in his translation, along with the various options. A monumental undertaking, made by this amazing hero of the Marco Polo story. Francis O'Donnell - Author of "In the Footsteps of Marco Polo" the companion book to the PBS Emmy nominated documentary. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. greatBy Bill15101this is a wonderful read full of interesting facts. I highly recommend this version of the travels of Marco Polo over others. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. ExcellentBy Sarahincludes stunning annotated research

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