

The Silk Road – A Reading List:

Book of the Marvels of the World, also known as The Travels of Marco Polo, c. 1300

The Silk Roads: A New History of the World – 2017 Peter Frankopan

Foreign Devils on the Silk Road (The search for treasures of Central Asia) Peter Hopkirk

Ataturk – Biography of the founder of modern Turkey Andrew Mango

Spying for Empire (The great game in Central and South Asia 1757 to 1947) Robert Johnson

Kim by Rudyard Kipling (Fiction)

The Great Game (The struggle for Empire in Central Asia) Peter Hopkirk

The Lotus and the Wind A spy novel by John Masters published in 1953. It continues his saga of the Savage family, who are part of the British Raj in India, set against the backdrop of the Great Game in the late nineteenth century.

Silk Road to Ruin: Is Central Asia the New Middle East? 2006 by Ted Rall Combines articles with comic chapters relating his experiences retracing the old legendary Silk Road

“Samarkand” Amin Maalouf 1988 historical novel

Trailblazer’s “The Silk Roads” (2010), by Paul Wilson, based on an earlier Thomas Cook Award-winning rail guide, is packed with history and practical information.

China on the Rise - How, When and Why China will become the New Financial Capital of the World 2018 by Martin Armstrong

Belt Road Initiative (BRI): Views from the Chinese side and European side, 2018 by Ying Zhang

Disclaimer: I have not read all these books but they have all been recommended by various sources. Philip Wood