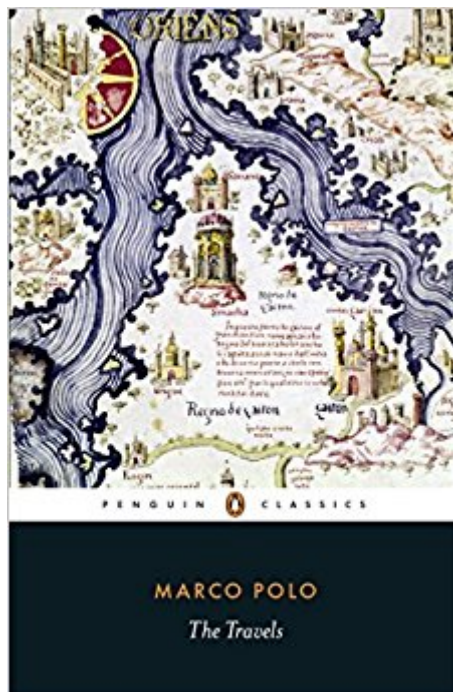


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Marco Polo travelled to China in 1271 and spent the next twenty years in the service of Kublai Khan. He wrote his famous Travels after returning home, whilst a prisoner in Genoa. Nigel Cliff was previously a theatre and film critic for *The Times* and a regular writer for *The Economist*, among other publications, and now writes historical nonfiction books. His first book, *The Shakespeare Riots*, was published in 2007 and shortlisted for the Washington-based National Award for Arts Writing. His second book, *The Last Crusade: Vasco da Gama and the Birth of the Modern World*, appeared in 2011 and was shortlisted for the PEN Hessel-Tiltman Prize. From the Hardcover edition.

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