

# Chasing The Sea Lost Among Ghosts Of Empire In Central Asia Tom Bissell

YEAH, REVIEWING A BOOKS **CHASING THE SEA LOST AMONG GHOSTS OF EMPIRE IN CENTRAL ASIA TOM BISSELL** COULD BUILD UP YOUR NEAR ASSOCIATES LISTINGS. THIS IS JUST ONE OF THE SOLUTIONS FOR YOU TO BE SUCCESSFUL. AS UNDERSTOOD, ACHIEVEMENT DOES NOT SUGGEST THAT YOU HAVE ASTONISHING POINTS.

COMPREHENDING AS WITH EASE AS TREATY EVEN MORE THAN SUPPLEMENTARY WILL HAVE THE FUNDS FOR EACH SUCCESS. BORDERING TO, THE MESSAGE AS COMPETENTLY AS KEENNESS OF THIS **CHASING THE SEA LOST AMONG GHOSTS OF EMPIRE IN CENTRAL ASIA TOM BISSELL** CAN BE TAKEN AS WITH EASE AS PICKED TO ACT.

**INTERNATIONAL STUDIES** STANLEY TOOPS 2021-09-27  
THIS BOOK PROVIDES A MUCH-NEEDED CLASSROOM TEXT IN INTERNATIONAL STUDIES THAT IS GENUINELY INTERDISCIPLINARY IN ITS APPROACH. INTERNATIONAL STUDIES FOCUSES SPECIFICALLY ON FIVE CORE DISCIPLINES; HISTORY, GEOGRAPHY, ANTHROPOLOGY, POLITICAL SCIENCE AND ECONOMICS, AND DESCRIBES THEM IN RELATION TO ONE ANOTHER, AS WELL AS THEIR INDIVIDUAL AND COLLECTIVE CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE STUDY OF GLOBAL ISSUES. THE EXPERT AUTHORS ALSO EMPHASIZE THE CONTINUING IMPORTANCE OF AREA STUDIES WITHIN AN INTERDISCIPLINARY AND GLOBAL FRAMEWORK, APPLYING ITS INTERDISCIPLINARY FRAMEWORK TO SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES IN SEVEN REGIONS: EUROPE, EAST ASIA AND THE PACIFIC, SOUTH AND CENTRAL ASIA, SUB-SAHARAN AFRICA, THE MIDDLE EAST AND NORTH AFRICA, LATIN AMERICA AND NORTH AMERICA. THIS NEW EDITION HAS BEEN COMPLETELY UPDATED AND SUBSTANTIALLY REVISED WITH TWO NEW CHAPTERS ON MEDIA, SOVEREIGNTY AND CYBERSECURITY AND SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT. THIS DISCIPLINARY AND REGIONAL COMBINATION OFFERS A USEFUL AND COHESIVE FRAMEWORK FOR TEACHING STUDENTS A SUBSTANTIVE AND COMPREHENSIVE APPROACH TO UNDERSTANDING GLOBAL ISSUES.

**PEACE CORPS AND CITIZEN DIPLOMACY** STEPHEN M. MAGU 2018-03-13 FOR OVER 50 YEARS, MORE THAN 225,000 PEACE CORPS VOLUNTEERS HAVE BEEN PLACED IN OVER 140 COUNTRIES AROUND THE WORLD, WITH THE GOALS OF HELPING THE RECIPIENT COUNTRIES NEED FOR TRAINED MEN AND WOMEN, TO PROMOTE A BETTER UNDERSTANDING OF AMERICANS FOR THE FOREIGN NATIONALS, AND TO PROMOTE A BETTER UNDERSTANDING OF OTHER PEOPLES ON THE PART OF AMERICANS. THE PEACE CORPS PROGRAM, PROPOSED DURING A 2 A.M. CAMPAIGN STOP ON OCTOBER 14, 1960 BY AMERICA'S CAMELOT, WAS PART IDEALISM, PART BELIEF THAT THE UNITED STATES COULD HELP GLOBAL SOUTH COUNTRIES BECOMING INDEPENDENT. AT THE HEIGHT OF THE COLD WAR, THE US AND USSR WERE RACING EACH OTHER TO THE MOON, MISSILES IN TURKEY AND IN CUBA AND WALLS IN BERLIN CONSUMED THE ARCHRIVALS; SENDING AMERICAN GRADUATES TO REMOTE VILLAGES SEEMED ILL-INFORMED. KENNEDY'S KIDDIE KORPS WAS DERIDED AS INEFFECTUAL, THE VOLUNTEERS ACCUSED OF BEING CIA SPIES, AND OFTEN, THEIR WORK MADE NO SENSE TO LOCALS. THE PROGRAM WOULD

FALL VICTIM TO THE VAGARIES OF GLOBAL GEOPOLITICS: IN PERU, YAWAR MALKU (BLOOD OF THE CONDOR), DEPICTING AMERICAN ACTIVITIES IN THE COUNTRY, LED TO VOLUNTEERS BEING BUNDLED OUT UN CEREMONIOUSLY; IN TANZANIA, THEY WERE EXCLUDED OVER TANZANIA'S OBJECTION TO THE VIETNAM WAR. DESPITE THESE CHALLENGES, THE PEACE CORPS PROGRAM SHAPED NEWLY INDEPENDENT COUNTRIES IN SIGNIFICANT WAYS: IN ETHIOPIA THEY CONSTITUTED HALF THE SECONDARY SCHOOL TEACHERS IN 1961, IN TANZANIA THEY HELPED SURVEY AND BUILD ROADS, IN GHANA AND NIGERIA THEY WERE INTEGRAL IN THE EDUCATION SYSTEMS, ALONGSIDE OTHER PROGRAMS. EVEN IN THE PHILIPPINES, FORMERLY A U.S. COLONY, PEACE CORPS VOLUNTEERS WERE WELCOMED. ASIDE FROM THESE OUTCOMES, THE PROGRAM HAD A FOREIGN POLICY COMPONENT, ADVANCING U.S. INTERESTS IN THE RECIPIENT COUNTRIES. DATA SHOWS THAT COUNTRIES RECEIVING VOLUNTEERS DEMONSTRATED CONGRUENCE IN FOREIGN POLICY PREFERENCES WITH THE U.S., SHOWN BY VOTING BEHAVIOR AT THE UNITED NATIONS, A FORUM WHERE COUNTRIES' ACTIONS AND PREFERENCES AND SIGNALING IS EVIDENT. VOLUNTEER-RECIPIENT COUNTRIES PARTICULARLY VOTED WITH THE U.S. ON KEY VOTES. THUS, PEACE CORPS VOLUNTEERS WHO FUNCTION AS CITIZEN DIPLOMATS, HELPED COUNTRIES SHAPE THEIR FOREIGN POLICY TOWARDS THE U.S., DEMONSTRATING THE VIABILITY OF SOFT POWER IN INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS.

**FROM STONEHENGE TO SAMARKAND** BRIAN FAGAN 2006-07-20 EVER SINCE ROMAN TOURISTS SCRATCHED GRAFFITI ON THE PYRAMIDS AND TEMPLES OF EGYPT OVER TWO THOUSAND YEARS AGO, PEOPLE HAVE TRAVELED FAR AND WIDE SEEKING THE GREAT WONDERS OF ANTIQUITY. IN FROM STONEHENGE TO SAMARKAND, NOTED ARCHAEOLOGIST AND POPULAR WRITER BRIAN FAGAN OFFERS AN ENGAGING HISTORICAL ACCOUNT OF OUR ENDURING LOVE OF ANCIENT ARCHITECTURE--THE IRRESISTIBLE IMPULSE TO VISIT STRANGE LANDS IN SEARCH OF LOST CITIES AND FORGOTTEN MONUMENTS. HERE IS A MARVELOUS HISTORY OF ARCHAEOLOGICAL TOURISM, WITH GENEROUS EXCERPTS FROM THE WRITINGS OF THE TOURISTS THEMSELVES. READERS WILL FIND HERODOTUS DESCRIBING THE CONSTRUCTION OF BABYLON; EDWARD GIBBON RECEIVING INSPIRATION FOR HIS SEMINAL WORK WHILE WANDERING THROUGH THE RUINS OF THE FORUM IN ROME; GUSTAVE FLAUBERT WATCHING THE SUNRISE FROM ATOP THE PYRAMID OF CHEOPS. WE VISIT EASTER

ISLAND WITH PIERRE LOTI, MACHU PICCHU WITH HIRAM BINGHAM, CENTRAL AFRICA WITH DAVID LIVINGSTONE. FAGAN DESCRIBES THE EARLY ANTIQUARIANS, CONSUMED WITH A PASSIONATE AND OMNIVOROUS CURIOSITY, PONDERING THE MYSTERIES OF STONEHENGE, BUT HE ALSO CONSIDERS SOME OF THE LESS REPUTABLE FIGURES, SUCH AS THE EARL OF ELGIN, WHO SOLD LARGE PARTS OF THE PARTHENON TO THE BRITISH MUSEUM. FINALLY, HE DISCUSSES THE CHANGING NATURE OF ARCHAEOLOGICAL TOURISM, FROM THE EARLY ROMANTIC WANDERINGS OF THE SOLITARY FIGURE, COMMUNING WITH THE DEPARTED SPIRITS OF DRUIDS OR MAYANS, TO THE CRUISE-SHIP EXCURSIONS OF MODERN TIMES, WHERE MASSES OF TOURISTS ARE HUSTLED THROUGH RUINS, BARELY AWARE OF THEIR SURROUNDINGS. FROM THE HOLY LAND TO THE SILK ROAD, THE YUCATÁN TO ANGKOR WAT, FAGAN FOLLOWS IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF THE GREAT ARCHAEOLOGICAL TRAVELERS TO RETRIEVE THEIR FIRST WRITTEN IMPRESSIONS IN A BOOK THAT WILL DELIGHT ANYONE FASCINATED WITH THE LANDMARKS OF ANCIENT CIVILIZATION.

*ETHNIC GROUPS OF NORTH, EAST, AND CENTRAL ASIA: AN ENCYCLOPEDIA* JAMES B. MINAHAN 2014-02-10 COVERING COUNTRIES RANGING FROM AFGHANISTAN AND CHINA TO KAZAKHSTAN AND RUSSIA, THIS ENCYCLOPEDIA SUPPLIES DETAILED INFORMATION AND INFORMED PERSPECTIVES, ENABLING READERS TO COMPREHEND ASIAN ETHNIC GROUPS AS WELL AS ASIAN POLITICS AND HISTORY. • PROVIDES READERS WITH AN UNDERSTANDING OF ASIA'S MANY ETHNIC MINORITIES, ENABLING A FULLER COMPREHENSION OF CONTEMPORARY POLITICS AND ECONOMICS IN ASIA AND BEYOND • PRESENTS INFORMATION WRITTEN IN A CLEAR, ENGAGING, AND ACCESSIBLE TONE THAT IS IDEAL FOR HIGH SCHOOL AND UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS AS WELL AS OTHER READERS WITH LIMITED BACKGROUND KNOWLEDGE ABOUT ASIAN ETHNICITIES

**DRYLAND CLIMATOLOGY** SHARON E. NICHOLSON 2011-10-27 A COMPREHENSIVE REVIEW OF DRYLAND CLIMATES AND THEIR RELATIONSHIP TO THE PHYSICAL ENVIRONMENT, HYDROLOGY, AND INHABITANTS. CHAPTERS ARE DIVIDED INTO FIVE MAJOR SECTIONS ON BACKGROUND METEOROLOGY AND CLIMATOLOGY; THE NATURE OF DRYLAND CLIMATES IN RELATION TO PRECIPITATION AND HYDROLOGY; THE CLIMATOLOGY AND CLIMATE DYNAMICS OF THE MAJOR DRYLAND REGIONS ON EACH CONTINENT; AND LIFE AND CHANGE IN THE WORLD'S DRYLANDS. IT INCLUDES KEY TOPICS SUCH AS VEGETATION, GEOMORPHOLOGY, DESERTIFICATION, MICRO-HABITATS, AND ADAPTATION TO DRYLAND ENVIRONMENTS. THIS INTERDISCIPLINARY VOLUME PROVIDES AN EXTENSIVE REVIEW OF THE PRIMARY LITERATURE (COVERING NEARLY 2000 REFERENCES) AND THE CONVENTIONAL AND SATELLITE DATASETS THAT FORM KEY RESEARCH TOOLS FOR DRYLAND CLIMATOLOGY. ILLUSTRATED WITH OVER 300 AUTHOR PHOTOGRAPHS, IT PRESENTS A UNIQUE VIEW OF DRYLAND CLIMATES FOR A BROAD SPECTRUM OF RESEARCHERS, ENVIRONMENTAL PROFESSIONALS AND ADVANCED STUDENTS IN CLIMATOLOGY, METEOROLOGY, GEOGRAPHY, ENVIRONMENT SCIENCE, EARTH SYSTEM SCIENCE, ECOLOGY, HYDROLOGY AND GEOMORPHOLOGY.

*RUSSIA AND EURASIA 2015-2016* RICHARD BIDLACK 2015-08-06 PUBLISHED AND UPDATED ANNUALLY, RUSSIA

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**RUSSIA AND THE COMMONWEALTH OF INDEPENDENT STATES 2013** M. WESLEY SHOEMAKER 2013-08-30 RUSSIA AND THE COMMONWEALTH OF INDEPENDENT STATES DEALS WITH THE TWELVE INDEPENDENT REPUBLICS THAT BECAME MEMBERS OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF INDEPENDENT STATES FOLLOWING THE COLLAPSE OF THE SOVIET UNION IN DECEMBER 1992.

**BEST OF TIMES, WORST OF TIMES** WENDY MARTIN 2011-04-04 A COLLECTION OF SHORT STORIES DEPICTING AND ANALYZING KEY ISSUES IN AMERICA'S "NEW GILDED AGE", A PHRASE THAT EMBODIES THE GLITZ AND GLAMOUR OF ONE OF THE WEALTHIEST COUNTRIES IN THE WORLD BUT ALSO SUGGESTS THE GREED, CORRUPTION, AND INEQUALITIES TEEMING JUST BELOW THE SURFACE.

THE CAMBRIDGE COMPANION TO AMERICAN TRAVEL WRITING ALFRED BENDIXEN 2009-01-29 TRAVEL WRITING HAS ALWAYS BEEN INTIMATELY LINKED WITH THE CONSTRUCTION OF AMERICAN IDENTITY. OCCUPYING THE SPACE BETWEEN FACT AND FICTION, IT EXPOSES CULTURAL FAULT LINES AND REVEALS THE CHANGING DESIRES AND ANXIETIES OF BOTH THE TRAVELLER AND THE READING PUBLIC. THESE SPECIALLY-COMMISSIONED ESSAYS TRACE THE JOURNEYS TAKEN BY WRITERS FROM THE PRE-REVOLUTIONARY PERIOD RIGHT UP TO THE PRESENT. THEY EXAMINE A WIDE RANGE OF RESPONSES TO THE PROBLEMS POSED BY LANDSCAPES FOUND BOTH AT HOME AND ABROAD, FROM THE MISSISSIPPI AND THE SOUTHWEST TO EUROPE AND THE HOLY LAND. THROUGHOUT, THE CONTRIBUTORS FOCUS ON THE ROLE PLAYED BY TRAVEL WRITING IN THE DEFINITION AND FORMULATION OF NATIONAL IDENTITY, AND CONSIDER THE EXPERIENCES OF MINORITY WRITERS AS WELL AS CANONICAL AUTHORS. THIS COMPANION FORMS AN INVALUABLE GUIDE FOR STUDENTS APPROACHING THIS NEW, IMPORTANT AND EXCITING SUBJECT FOR THE FIRST TIME.

UZBEKISTAN MARYLEE KNOWLTON 2006 "AN EXAMINATION OF THE GEOGRAPHY, HISTORY, GOVERNMENT, ECONOMY, CULTURE, AND PEOPLES OF UZBEKISTAN"--PROVIDED BY

PUBLISHER.

*CHASING REDBIRD* SHARON CREECH 2012-04-24

“INTRIGUING, DELIGHTFUL, AND TOUCHING.” —SCHOOL LIBRARY JOURNAL (STARRED REVIEW) “CREECH’S BEST YET.” —PUBLISHERS WEEKLY (STARRED REVIEW) IT STARTED OUT AS AN ORDINARY SUMMER. BUT THE MINUTE THIRTEEN-YEAR-OLD ZINNY DISCOVERED THE OLD, OVERGROWN TRAIL THAT RAN THROUGH THE WOODS BEHIND HER FAMILY’S HOUSE, SHE REALIZED THAT THINGS WERE ABOUT TO CHANGE. IT WAS HER CHANCE TO FINALLY MAKE PEOPLE NOTICE HER, AND TO HAVE A PLACE SHE COULD CALL HER VERY OWN. BUT MORE THAN THAT, ZINNY KNEW THAT THE TRAIL SOMEHOW HELD THE KEY TO ALL KINDS OF QUESTIONS. AND THAT THE ONLY WAY TO UNDERSTAND HER FAMILY, HER AUNT JESSIE’S DEATH, AND HERSELF, WAS TO FIND OUT WHERE IT WENT. FROM NEWBERY MEDAL-WINNING AUTHOR SHARON CREECH COMES A STORY OF LOVE, LOSS, AND UNDERSTANDING, AN INTRICATELY WOVEN TALE OF A YOUNG GIRL WHO SETS OUT IN SEARCH OF HER PLACE IN THE WORLD—AND DISCOVERS IT IN HER OWN BACKYARD. AN ALA BEST BOOK FOR YOUNG ADULTS

*GOD LIVES IN ST. PETERSBURG* TOM BISSELL 2007-12-18  
YOUNG AMERICANS ABROAD IN CENTRAL ASIA FIND THEMSELVES PUSHED TO THEIR LIMITS IN THESE ACCLAIMED, PRIZE-WINNING STORIES BY ONE OF OUR MOST EXCITING AND TALENTED NEW AUTHORS. COMBINING BLEAK HUMOR, IRONIC INSIGHT, DEEP COMPASSION, AND UNFLINCHING MORAL AND ETHICAL INQUIRY, TOM BISSELL GIVES US A GRIPPING COLLECTION THAT IS BOTH TIMELESS AND PROFOUNDLY RELEVANT TO TODAY’S COMPLEX WORLD.

*RUSSIA AND EURASIA 2019-2020* 2019-10-11 THE FOCUS OF *RUSSIA AND EURASIA* IS ON RECENT ECONOMIC AND POLITICAL DEVELOPMENTS WITHIN TWELVE SOVEREIGN STATES THAT BECAME INDEPENDENT FOLLOWING THE COLLAPSE OF THE SOVIET UNION IN DECEMBER 1991.  
*RUSSIA AND THE COMMONWEALTH OF INDEPENDENT STATES 2012* M. WESLEY SHOEMAKER 2012-08-09 *RUSSIA AND THE COMMONWEALTH OF INDEPENDENT STATES 2011* IS A VOLUME IN “THE WORLD TODAY SERIES”. PUBLISHED AND UPDATED ANNUALLY, THIS SERIES PROVIDES BOTH A SHORT HISTORICAL TREATMENT AND AN UP-TO-DATE LOOK AT THE VARIOUS COUNTRIES OF THE ENTIRE GLOBE. *RUSSIA AND THE COMMONWEALTH OF INDEPENDENT STATES* DEALS WITH THE TWELVE INDEPENDENT REPUBLICS THAT BECAME MEMBERS OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF INDEPENDENT STATES FOLLOWING THE COLLAPSE OF THE SOVIET UNION IN DECEMBER 1992. THE BOOK FOCUSES STRONGLY ON RECENT ECONOMIC AND POLITICAL DEVELOPMENTS WITH SHORTER SECTIONS DEALING WITH FOREIGN POLICY, THE MILITARY, RELIGION, EDUCATION, AND SPECIFIC CULTURAL ELEMENTS THAT HELP TO DEFINE EACH REPUBLIC AND DIFFERENTIATE ONE FROM THE OTHER.

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*CHASING THE SEA* TOM BISSELL 2007-12-18 IN 1996, TOM BISSELL WENT TO UZBEKISTAN AS A NA’VE PEACE

CORPS VOLUNTEER. THOUGH HE LASTED ONLY A FEW MONTHS BEFORE ILLNESS AND PERSONAL CRISIS FORCED HIM HOME, BISSELL FOUND HIMSELF ENTRANCED BY THIS REMOTE LAND. FIVE YEARS LATER HE RETURNED TO EXPLORE THE SHRINKING ARAL SEA, DESTROYED BY SOVIET IRRIGATION POLICIES. JOINING UP WITH AN EXUBERANT TRANSLATOR NAMED RUSTAM, BISSELL SLIPS MORE THAN ONCE THROUGH THE CLUTCHES OF THE UZBEK POLICE AS HE MAKES HIS OFTEN WILD WAY TO THE DEVASTATED SEA. IN *CHASING THE SEA*, BISSELL COMBINES THE STORY OF HIS TRAVELS WITH A BEGUILING CHRONICLE OF UZBEKISTAN’S STRIKING CULTURE AND LONG HISTORY OF VIOLENT SUBJUGATION BY DESPOTS FROM JENGHIZ KHAN TO JOSEPH STALIN. ALTERNATELY AMUSING AND SOBERING, THIS IS A GRIPPING PORTRAIT OF A FASCINATING PLACE, AND THE DEBUT OF A SINGULARLY GIFTED YOUNG WRITER.

*RUSSIA AND EURASIA 2018-2019* BRENT HIERMAN 2018-09-30 PUBLISHED AND UPDATED ANNUALLY, *RUSSIA AND EURASIA* DEALS WITH THE TWELVE INDEPENDENT REPUBLICS THAT BECAME MEMBERS OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF INDEPENDENT STATES FOLLOWING THE COLLAPSE OF THE SOVIET UNION IN DECEMBER 1992.

*HRD IN THE AGE OF GLOBALIZATION* MICHAEL MARQUARDT 2004-08-18 AN IMPRESSIVE OVERVIEW OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS THE WORLD OVER— TOUCHING ON IMPORTANT ISSUES IN CULTURE, ENVIRONMENT, AND GEOPOLITICS

*UZBEKISTAN - CULTURE SMART!* ALEX ULKO 2017-05-01 *CULTURE SMART! UZBEKISTAN* WILL TAKE YOU BEYOND THE STANDARD DESCRIPTIONS OF MINARETS, KEBABS WITH VODKA, EMBROIDERED SKULLCAPS, AND SOVIET-STYLE BUREAUCRACY. IT WILL MAKE YOU AWARE OF THE VALUE SYSTEMS, ATTITUDES, AND BEHAVIORS OF THE DIFFERENT CULTURAL GROUPS IN THE COUNTRY, AND OFFER AN INSIDER’S VIEW OF UZBEKISTAN’S FASCINATING HISTORY, NATIONAL TRADITIONS, VARIOUS CUISINES, AND CULTURAL SCENE. IT WILL TELL YOU WHAT THE PEOPLES OF UZBEKISTAN ARE LIKE AT HOME, AT PLAY, AND IN BUSINESS, AND GIVE PRACTICAL ADVICE ON HOW TO BEHAVE IN DIFFERENT SITUATIONS SO AS TO MAKE THE MOST OUT OF YOUR VISIT. UZBEKISTAN IS A LAND OF PARADOXES, BOTH ENJOYABLE AND SURPRISING FOR FOREIGN VISITORS. IT IS FAMOUS FOR ITS FABULOUS ARCHITECTURAL MONUMENTS AND THE EXOTIC SPIRIT OF THE GREAT SILK ROAD, THE ANCIENT TRADE ROUTE CONNECTING EAST AND WEST. UZBEKISTAN IS A MULTICULTURAL SOCIETY WHERE OLD AND REVIVED TRADITIONS COEXIST WITH MODERNITY.

*THE FEARFUL VOID* GEOFFREY MOORHOUSE 2012-11-15 ‘IT WAS BECAUSE I WAS AFRAID THAT I HAD DECIDED TO ATTEMPT A CROSSING OF THE GREAT SAHARA DESERT, FROM WEST TO EAST, BY MYSELF AND BY CAMEL. NO ONE HAD EVER MADE SUCH A JOURNEY BEFORE . . .’ IN OCTOBER 1972 GEOFFREY MOORHOUSE BEGAN HIS ODYSSEY ACROSS THE SAHARA FROM THE ATLANTIC TO THE NILE, A DISTANCE OF 3,600 MILES. HIS REASON FOR UNDERTAKING SUCH AN IMMENSE FEAT WAS TO EXAMINE THE ROOTS OF HIS FEAR, TO EXPLORE AN EXTREMITY OF HUMAN EXPERIENCE. FROM THE OUTSET MISFORTUNE WAS NEVER FAR AWAY; AND AS HE MOVED FURTHER INTO THAT ‘AWFUL EMPTINESS’ THE PHYSICAL AND MENTAL DEPRIVATION GREW MORE INTENSE. IN

MARCH 1973, HAVING WALKED THE LAST 300 MILES, MOORHOUSE, ILL AND EXHAUSTED, REACHED TAMANRASSET, WHERE HE DECIDED TO END HIS JOURNEY. THE FEARFUL VOID IS THE MOVING RECORD OF HIS STRUGGLE WITH FEAR AND LONELINESS AND, ULTIMATELY, HIS COMING TO TERMS WITH THE SPIRITUAL AS WELL AS THE PHYSICAL DANGERS OF THE DESERT.

**RUSSIA AND EURASIA 2016-2017** BRENT HIERMAN 2016-08-25 PUBLISHED AND UPDATED ANNUALLY, RUSSIA AND EURASIA DEALS WITH THE TWELVE INDEPENDENT REPUBLICS THAT BECAME MEMBERS OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF INDEPENDENT STATES FOLLOWING THE COLLAPSE OF THE SOVIET UNION IN DECEMBER 1992. THE TEXT FOCUSES STRONGLY ON RECENT ECONOMIC AND POLITICAL DEVELOPMENTS WITH SHORTER SECTIONS DEALING WITH FOREIGN POLICY, THE MILITARY, RELIGION, EDUCATION, AND SPECIFIC CULTURAL ELEMENTS THAT HELP TO DEFINE EACH REPUBLIC AND DIFFERENTIATE ONE FROM THE OTHER. APPROXIMATELY ONE-THIRD OF THE BOOK IS DEVOTED TO RUSSIA, BUT ALSO INCLUDES SECTIONS ON UKRAINE, BELARUS, MOLDOVA, ARMENIA, AZERBAIJAN, GEORGIA, KAZAKHSTAN, KYRGYZSTAN, TAJIKISTAN, TURKMENISTAN, AND UZBEKISTAN. HOW THE COMMONWEALTH OF INDEPENDENT STATES CAME INTO BEING AND HOW IT HAS EVOLVED SINCE 1992 IS ALSO DISCUSSED. THE COMBINATION OF FACTUAL ACCURACY AND UP-TO-DATE DETAIL ALONG WITH ITS INFORMED PROJECTIONS MAKE THIS AN OUTSTANDING RESOURCE FOR RESEARCHERS, PRACTITIONERS IN INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT, MEDIA PROFESSIONALS, GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS, POTENTIAL INVESTORS AND STUDENTS.

**WHAT MAN HAS DONE... TO MAN** JEFF BLAIN 2022-05-04 THE TWENTIETH CENTURY IS LAUDED AS THE TIME PERIOD WHEN MORE TECHNOLOGICAL AND SCIENTIFIC ADVANCES AND BREAKTHROUGHS WERE ACCOMPLISHED THAN ALL OTHER CENTURIES COMBINED. PROBABLY THE MOST NOTABLE PROGRESS WAS IN TRANSPORTATION WHEN IN THE EARLY YEARS, KITTY HAWK MARKED THE FIRST FLIGHT WHICH BECAME THE JET AIRPLANE ALLOWING FOR GLOBAL TRAVEL AND APOLLO 11 BEING OUR CROWNING ACHIEVEMENT. HENRY FORD DEVELOPED ASSEMBLY LINE PRODUCTION OF THE MODEL T, THE HORSELESS CARRIAGE, NOW THE DRIVERLESS CARRIAGE. TRANSISTORS GAVE US THE SECOND INDUSTRIAL REVOLUTION AND ARE TODAY USED EVERYWHERE. COMPUTERS ARE KNOWN AS MAN'S "GREATEST INVENTION." HEALTH WAS ENHANCED WITH THE INTRODUCTION OF PENICILLIN AND POLIO VACCINES. ON THE SOCIAL SCENE, WE WITNESSED THE START, AT LEAST, OF CIVIL AND WOMEN'S RIGHTS. AND WHO CAN EVER FORGET THE IMPACT OF THE CHOCOLATE CHIP COOKIE? HOWEVER, EQUALLY ETCHED INTO THE ANNALS OF HISTORY ARE EVENTS LIKE THE "WAR TO END ALL WARS," THE GREAT DEPRESSION, AND VIETNAM WAR. WHAT YOU ARE ABOUT TO READ WILL MAKE THESE PALE IN COMPARISON. YOU SEE, MAN CREATED IN THAT SAME SPAN OF TIME THE GREATEST ENVIRONMENTAL DISASTER OF MODERN HISTORY, THE WORST SHORT-TERM ATROCITY EVER COMMITTED, DEVELOPED THE "SICKEST" PLACE ON EARTH, AND CELEBRATED THE MOST OUTSTANDING YEAR IN THE HISTORY OF MANKIND. READ, REMEMBER, AND MAKE CERTAIN TO PASS ON

TO POSTERITY WHAT MAN HAS DONE TO MAN.

**CREATIVE TYPES** TOM BISSELL 2021-12-14 FROM THE BEST-SELLING COAUTHOR OF THE DISASTER ARTIST AND "ONE OF AMERICA'S BEST AND MOST INTERESTING WRITERS" (STEPHEN KING), A NEW COLLECTION OF STORIES THAT RANGE FROM LAUGH-OUT-LOUD FUNNY TO DISTURBINGLY DARK—UNFLINCHING PORTRAITS OF WOMEN AND MEN STRUGGLING TO BRIDGE THE GAP BETWEEN ART AND LIFE A YOUNG AND INGRATIATING ASSISTANT TO A MOVIE STAR MAKES A BLUNDER THAT PUTS HIS BOSS AND A MAJOR STUDIO AT GRAVE RISK. A LONG-MARRIED COUPLE HIRES AN ESCORT FOR A THREESOME IN ORDER TO REJUVENATE THEIR RELATIONSHIP. AN ASSISTANT AT A PRESTIGIOUS LITERARY JOURNAL RECONNECTS WITH A MIDDLE SCHOOL FRENEMY AND FINDS THAT HIS CAREFULLY CONSTRUCTED WORLD OF REFINEMENT CANNOT PROTECT HIM FROM HIS PAST. A BUSH ADMINISTRATION LAWYER WAKES UP ON AN ABANDONED AIRPLANE, TRAPPED IN A NIGHTMARE OF HIS OWN MAKING. IN THESE AND OTHER STORIES, TOM BISSELL VIVIDLY RENDERS THE COMPLEX WORLDS OF CHARACTERS ON THE BRINK OF ARTISTIC AND PERSONAL CRISES—WRITERS, VIDEO-GAME DEVELOPERS, ACTORS, AND OTHER CREATIVE TYPES WHO SEE THINGS SLIGHTLY DIFFERENTLY FROM THE REST OF US. WITH ITS SURREAL, POIGNANT, AND SOMETIMES SQUIRM-INDUCING STORIES, CREATIVE TYPES IS A BRILLIANT NEW OFFERING FROM ONE THE MOST VERSATILE AND TALENTED WRITERS WORKING IN AMERICA TODAY.

**THE SIXTH EXTINCTION** TERRY GLAVIN 2006 A GLOBAL SURVEY OF THE SOCIAL "EXTINCTIONS" TAKING PLACE IN TODAY'S WORLD DRAWS ON A WIDE VARIETY OF SCIENTIFIC DISCIPLINES TO REVEAL HOW ADVANCES IN GLOBALIZATION ARE CONTRIBUTING TO THE LOSSES OF LANGUAGES AS WELL AS DIVERSE CULTURAL WAYS OF LIVING, SEEING, AND UNDERSTANDING. 15,000 FIRST PRINTING.

*COUNTRIES AND TERRITORIES OF THE WORLD*

**GOING PLACES** ROBERT BURGIN 2013-01 SUCCESSFULLY NAVIGATE THE RICH WORLD OF TRAVEL NARRATIVES AND IDENTIFY FICTION AND NONFICTION READ-ALIKES WITH THIS DETAILED AND EXPERTLY CONSTRUCTED GUIDE.

**DON'T FORGET TO WRITE FOR THE SECONDARY GRADES 826** NATIONAL 2011-10-11 FANTASTIC STRATEGIES FOR GETTING HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS EXCITED ABOUT WRITING THIS BOOK OFFERS 50 CREATIVE WRITING LESSON PLANS FROM THE IMAGINATIVE AND HIGHLY ACCLAIMED 826 NATIONAL WRITING LABS. CREATED AS A RESOURCE TO REACH ALL STUDENTS (EVEN THOSE MOST RESISTANT TO CREATIVE WRITING), THE OFF-BEAT AND ATTENTION-GRABBING LESSONS INCLUDE SUCH GEMS AS "LITERARY FACEBOOKS," WHERE STUDENTS CREATE A MOCK FACEBOOK PROFILE BASED ON THEIR FAVORITE LITERARY CHARACTER, AS WELL AS HIGHLY PRACTICAL LESSONS LIKE THE "COLLEGE APPLICATION ESSAY BOOT CAMP." THESE WRITING LESSONS ARE WRITTEN BY EXPERTS—AND FAVORITE NOVELISTS, ACTORS, AND OTHER ENTERTAINERS PITCHED IN TOO. ROAD-TESTED LESSONS FROM A STELLAR NATIONAL WRITING LAB INVENTIVE AND UNIQUE LESSONS THAT WILL APPEAL TO EVEN THE MOST DIFFICULT-TO-REACH STUDENTS INCLUDES A CHART LINKING LESSONS TO THE COMMON CORE STATE STANDARDS 826

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#### **ADVANCED FASHION TECHNOLOGY AND OPERATIONS**

**MANAGEMENT** VECCHI, ALESSANDRA 2017-03-01 FASHION HAS BEEN STEADILY MOVING FROM THE BRICK AND MORTAR TO THE DIGITAL MARKET. AS SUCH, IT IS INCREASINGLY VITAL TO RESEARCH NEW METHODS THAT WILL HELP BUSINESSES TO GROW AND SUCCEED IN THIS NEW SPHERE. ADVANCED FASHION TECHNOLOGY AND OPERATIONS MANAGEMENT IS A PIVOTAL REFERENCE SOURCE FOR THE LATEST DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT STRATEGIES, FASHION MARKETING, INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS, AND FASHION ENTREPRENEURSHIP. FEATURING EXTENSIVE COVERAGE ACROSS A RANGE OF RELEVANT PERSPECTIVES AND TOPICS, SUCH AS ONLINE SHOPPING BEHAVIOR, DIGITAL FASHION, AND E-COMMERCE, THIS BOOK IS IDEALLY DESIGNED FOR PROFESSIONALS, ENTREPRENEURS, STUDENTS, AND RESEARCHERS.

**MORE BOOK LUST** NANCY PEARL 2009-09-29 THE RESPONSE TO NANCY PEARL'S SURPRISE BESTSELLER BOOK LUST WAS ASTOUNDING: THE SEATTLE LIBRARIAN EVEN BECAME THE MODEL FOR THE NOW-FAMOUS LIBRARIAN ACTION FIGURE. READERS EVERYWHERE WELCOMED PEARL'S ENCYCLOPEDIA BUT DISCERNING FILTER ON BOOKS WORTH READING, AND HER RULE OF 50 (GIVE A BOOK 50 PAGES BEFORE DECIDING WHETHER TO CONTINUE; BUT READERS OVER 50 MUST READ THE SAME NUMBER OF PAGES AS THEIR AGE) BECAME A STANDARD MO.

**CENTRAL ASIA** REUEL R. HANKS 2005-01-01 COVERS THE COUNTRIES OF UZBEKISTAN, KAZAKHISTAN AND KYRGYZSTAN, GIVING INFORMATION ABOUT THEIR GEOGRAPHY, HISTORY AND ECONOMY; THEIR INSTITUTIONS OF RELIGION, GOVERNMENT AND EDUCATION; AND THEIR SOCIETY AND CONTEMPORARY ISSUES.

**IMMERSION** TED CONOVER 2016-10-24 OVER THREE AND A HALF DECADES, TED CONOVER HAS RIDDEN THE RAILS WITH HOBOES, CROSSED THE BORDER WITH MEXICAN IMMIGRANTS, GUARDED PRISONERS IN SING SING, AND INSPECTED MEAT FOR THE USDA. HIS BOOKS AND ARTICLES CHRONICLING THESE EXPERIENCES, INCLUDING THE AWARD-WINNING NEWJACK: GUARDING SING SING, HAVE MADE HIM ONE OF THE PREMIER PRACTITIONERS OF IMMERSION REPORTING. IN IMMERSION REPORTING—A LITERARY COUSIN TO ETHNOGRAPHY, TRAVEL WRITING, AND MEMOIR—THE WRITER FULLY STEPS INTO A NEW WORLD OR CULTURE, PARTICIPATING IN ITS TRIALS, RITES, AND RITUALS AS A MEMBER OF THE GROUP. THE END RESULTS OF THESE FIRSTHAND EXPERIENCES ARE FAMILIAR TO US FROM BESTSELLERS SUCH AS NICKEL AND DIMED AND BEHIND THE BEAUTIFUL FOREVERS. BUT IN A WORLD OF WARY STRANGERS, WHERE DOES ONE BEGIN? CONOVER DISTILLS DECADES OF KNOWLEDGE INTO AN ACCESSIBLE RESOURCE AIMED AT WRITERS OF ALL LEVELS. HE COVERS HOW TO “GET INTO” A COMMUNITY, HOW TO CONDUCT ONESELF ONCE INSIDE, AND HOW TO SHAPE AND STRUCTURE THE STORIES THAT EMERGE. CONOVER IS ALSO FORTHRIGHT ABOUT THE ETHICS AND CONSEQUENCES OF IMMERSION REPORTING, PREPARING WRITERS FOR THE SURPRISES THAT OFTEN SURFACE WHEN THEIR PIECE BECOMES PUBLIC. THROUGHOUT, CONOVER SHARES ANECDOTES FROM HIS OWN EXPERIENCES AS WELL AS

FROM OTHER WELL-KNOWN WRITERS IN THIS GENRE, INCLUDING ALEX KOTLOWITZ, ANNE FADIMAN, AND SEBASTIAN JUNGER. IT'S A DEEP-IN-THE-TRENCHES BOOK THAT ALL ASPIRING IMMERSION WRITERS SHOULD HAVE IN HAND AS THEY TAKE THAT FIRST LEAP INTO ANOTHER WORLD.

**RUSSIA AND EURASIA 2020-2022** 2021-09-15 RUSSIA AND EURASIA 2020-2022 PROVIDES STUDENTS WITH VITAL INFORMATION ON THESE COUNTRIES THROUGH A THOROUGH AND EXPERT OVERVIEW OF POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC HISTORIES, CURRENT EVENTS, AND EMERGING TRENDS.

**CHASING THE NIGHTBIRD** KRISTA RUSSELL 2016-03-01 THIS ACTION-PACKED ADVENTURE SET IN 1851 FEATURES A BRAVE YOUNG PROTAGONIST WHO MUST RELY ON HIS WITS AND HIS FRIENDS TO NAVIGATE DANGERS AND ESCAPE AN UNWELCOME FATE. AS THE SON OF FAMOUS BLACK JACK VALERA, THE BEST WHALER ON THE EASTERN SEABOARD, THIRTEEN-YEAR-OLD LUCKY VALERA LED A CHARMED LIFE AT SEA, UNTIL HIS FATHER DIES AND HIS ESTRANGED OLDER HALF-BROTHER, FORTUNA, KIDNAPS HIM. LUCKY'S HOPES OF JOINING THE CREW OF THE WHALING SHIP, NIGHTBIRD, ARE DASHED AS FORTUNA FORCES HIM INTO SERVITUDE AT THE NEARBY TEXTILE MILL. BUT WHEN LUCKY MEETS EMMELINE, A SPIRITED GIRL WITH ABOLITIONIST SYMPATHIES, AND DANIEL, A FUGITIVE SLAVE FROM THE SOUTH, HIS DREAM TO RETURN TO HIS OLD LIFE SEEMS TO BE WITHIN REACH. THAT IS, IF HE AND HIS NEW FRIENDS CAN OUTWIT AND OUTRUN FORTUNA AND AN ENRAGED SLAVE TRADER, BOTH OF WHOM WILL STOP AT NOTHING TO GET BACK WHAT THEY BELIEVE IS THEIR RIGHTFUL PROPERTY. KRISTA RUSSELL HAS CREATED A FAST-PACED ACTION ADVENTURE THAT WILL KEEP READERS HOOKED. RICH WITH HISTORICAL DETAIL, CHASING THE NIGHTBIRD OFFERS READERS A GLIMPSE INTO THE PAST DURING A PERIOD OF TREMENDOUS SOCIAL AND POLITICAL UPHEAVAL, TOUCHING UPON INDUSTRIALIZATION, THE WHALING INDUSTRY IN NEW ENGLAND, AND SLAVERY.

**INTERNATIONAL STUDIES** SHELDON ANDERSON 2014-07-08 THIS CORE TEXT IS THE FIRST TO PROVIDE A MUCH-NEEDED INTERDISCIPLINARY APPROACH TO INTERNATIONAL STUDIES. EMPHASIZING THE INTERCONNECTED NATURE OF HISTORY, GEOGRAPHY, ANTHROPOLOGY, ECONOMICS, AND POLITICAL SCIENCE, INTERNATIONAL STUDIES DETAILS THE METHODOLOGIES AND SUBJECT MATTER OF EACH DISCIPLINE THEN APPLIES THESE DISCIPLINE LENSES TO SEVEN REGIONS: EUROPE; EAST ASIA AND THE PACIFIC; SOUTH AND CENTRAL ASIA; SUB-SAHARAN AFRICA; THE MIDDLE EAST AND NORTH AFRICA; LATIN AMERICA; AND NORTH AMERICA. THIS DISCIPLINARY AND REGIONAL COMBINATION PROVIDES AN INDISPENSABLE, COHESIVE FRAMEWORK FOR UNDERSTANDING GLOBAL ISSUES. THE FULLY UPDATED FOURTH EDITION INCLUDES FOUR NEW GLOBAL ISSUES CHAPTERS: THE REFUGEE CRISIS IN EUROPE; THE SYRIAN CIVIL WAR AND THE RISE OF THE ISLAMIC STATE; GLOBAL CLIMATE CHANGE; AND THE GLOBALIZATION OF MODERN SPORTS.

**THE READERS' ADVISORY GUIDE TO NONFICTION** NEAL WYATT 2007-05-14 WITH A FOCUS ON EIGHT CATEGORIES INCLUDING MEMOIR, SPORTS, AND TRUE CRIME, A READERS' ADVISORY GUIDE INCLUDES COVERAGE OF THE MAJOR AUTHORS AND WORKS, POPULARITY, AND STYLE.

**FRESHWATER BIODIVERSITY** DAVID DUDGEON 2020-05-21  
FRESH WATERS ARE DISPROPORTIONATELY RICH IN SPECIES,  
AND REPRESENT GLOBAL HOTSPOTS OF BIODIVERSITY.

HOWEVER, THEY ARE ALSO HOTSPOTS OF ENDANGERMENT.

**MOBY-DUCK** DONOVAN HOHN 2011-03-03 SELECTED BY  
THE NEW YORK TIMES BOOK REVIEW AS A NOTABLE BOOK  
OF THE YEAR A REVELATORY TALE OF SCIENCE, ADVENTURE,  
AND MODERN MYTH. WHEN THE WRITER DONOVAN HOHN  
HEARD OF THE MYSTERIOUS LOSS OF THOUSANDS OF BATH  
TOYS AT SEA, HE FIGURED HE WOULD INTERVIEW A FEW  
OCEANOGRAPHERS, TALK TO A FEW BEACHCOMBERS, AND  
READ UP ON ARCTIC SCIENCE AND GEOGRAPHY. BUT  
QUESTIONS CAN BE LIKE OCEAN CURRENTS: WADE IN TOO FAR,  
AND THEY CARRY YOU AWAY. HOHN'S ACCIDENTAL ODYSSEY  
PULLS HIM INTO THE SECRETIVE WORLD OF SHIPPING  
CONGLOMERATES, THE DARING WORK OF ARCTIC  
RESEARCHERS, THE LUNATIC RISKS OF MAVERICK SAILORS, AND  
THE SHADOWY WORLD OF CHINESE TOY FACTORIES. MOBY-  
DUCK IS A JOURNEY INTO THE HEART OF THE SEA AND AN  
ADVENTURE THROUGH SCIENCE, MYTH, THE GLOBAL ECONOMY,  
AND SOME OF THE WORST WEATHER IMAGINABLE. WITH EACH  
NEW DISCOVERY, HOHN LEARNS OF ANOTHER LOOSE THREAD,  
AND WITH EACH SUCCESSIVE CHASE, HE COMES CLOSER TO  
UNDERSTANDING WHERE HIS CASTAWAY QUARRY COMES FROM  
AND WHERE IT GOES. IN THE GRAND TRADITION OF TONY  
HORWITZ AND DAVID QUAMMEN, MOBY-DUCK IS A  
COMPULSIVELY READABLE NARRATIVE OF WHIMSY AND  
CURIOSITY.

CULTURAL SOCIOLOGY OF THE MIDDLE EAST, ASIA, AND  
AFRICA ANDREA L. STANTON 2012-01-05 THESE  
VOLUMES CONVEY WHAT DAILY LIFE IS LIKE IN THE MIDDLE  
EAST, ASIA AND AFRICA. ENTRIES WILL AID READERS IN  
UNDERSTANDING THE IMPORTANCE OF CULTURAL SOCIOLOGY,  
TO APPRECIATE THE EFFECTS OF CULTURAL FORCES AROUND  
THE WORLD.

*RUSSIA AND EURASIA 2017-2018* BRENT HIERMAN  
2017-09-01 PUBLISHED AND UPDATED ANNUALLY, RUSSIA  
AND EURASIA DEALS WITH THE TWELVE INDEPENDENT  
REPUBLICS THAT BECAME MEMBERS OF THE COMMONWEALTH  
OF INDEPENDENT STATES FOLLOWING THE COLLAPSE OF THE

SOVIET UNION IN DECEMBER 1992. THE TEXT FOCUSES  
STRONGLY ON RECENT ECONOMIC AND POLITICAL  
DEVELOPMENTS WITH SHORTER SECTIONS DEALING WITH  
FOREIGN POLICY, THE MILITARY, RELIGION, EDUCATION, AND  
SPECIFIC CULTURAL ELEMENTS THAT HELP TO DEFINE EACH  
REPUBLIC AND DIFFERENTIATE ONE FROM THE OTHER.

APPROXIMATELY ONE-THIRD OF THE BOOK IS DEVOTED TO  
RUSSIA, BUT ALSO INCLUDES SECTIONS ON UKRAINE,  
BELARUS, MOLDOVA, ARMENIA, AZERBAIJAN, GEORGIA,  
KAZAKHSTAN, KYRGYZSTAN, TAJIKISTAN, TURKMENISTAN,  
AND UZBEKISTAN. HOW THE COMMONWEALTH OF INDEPENDENT  
STATES CAME INTO BEING AND HOW IT HAS EVOLVED SINCE  
1992 IS ALSO DISCUSSED. THE COMBINATION OF FACTUAL  
ACCURACY AND UP-TO-DATE DETAIL ALONG WITH ITS  
INFORMED PROJECTIONS MAKE THIS AN OUTSTANDING  
RESOURCE FOR RESEARCHERS, PRACTITIONERS IN  
INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT, MEDIA PROFESSIONALS,  
GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS, POTENTIAL INVESTORS AND  
STUDENTS.

**GOD LIVES IN ST. PETERSBURG** TOM BISSELL 2006 THIS  
STUNNING FICTIONAL DEBUT BY A WILDLY TALENTED YOUNG  
WRITER PRESENTS SIX STORIES ABOUT AMERICANS COLLIDING  
WITH REMOTE AND OFTEN PERILOUS PARTS OF THE WORLD:  
TWO JOURNALISTS, STRANDED IN WARTIME AFGHANISTAN,  
ARE TAKEN IN BY A WARLORD WHO BECOMES THE ARBITER OF  
THEIR FATES. A FEMALE SCIENTIST INVESTIGATING THE ARAL  
SEA DISASTER IS DRAWN INTO A TRAP BY A FORMER KGB  
OFFICER. ON A HIKE THROUGH KAZAKHSTAN, JAYNE AND  
DOUGLAS'S MARRIAGE UNRAVELS WHEN THEIR GUIDE, A  
VETERAN OF THE SOVIET-AFGHANISTAN WAR, TAKES AN  
UNSEEMLY INTEREST IN JAYNE. THE SON OF AN AMERICAN  
AMBASSADOR, ADDICTED TO THE SEAMY UNDERSIDE OF A  
CENTRAL ASIAN CITY, FINALLY GETS IN OVER HIS HEAD. A  
TORTURED MISSIONARY STRUGGLES TO RECONCILE HIS SEXUAL  
URGES WITH HIS FAITH. AND A YOUNG MAN JUST BACK FROM A  
LONG STINT IN KYRGYZSTAN FINDS HIS RELATIONSHIP WITH HIS  
FIANCEE ALL BUT DESTROYED. SOMETIMES HILARIOUS,  
SOMETIMES TRAGIC, BUT ALWAYS EERILY AFFECTING, THESE  
STORIES SHOW US DEEPLY FOREIGN LANDS AND PEOPLES  
THROUGH OUR OWN EYES.