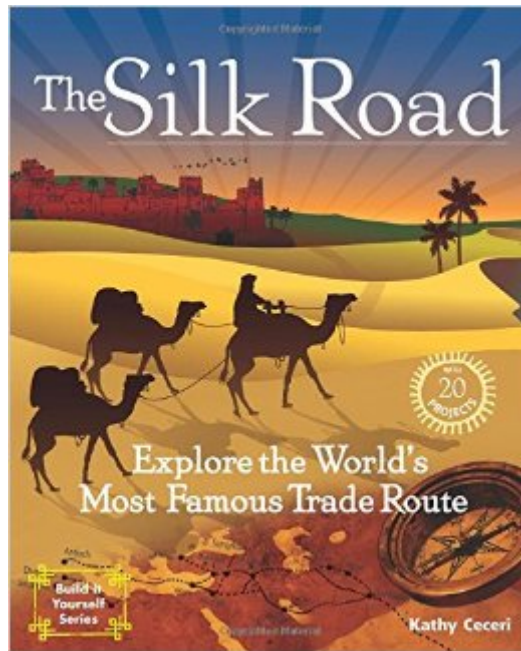


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# The Silk Road: Explore The World's Most Famous Trade Route With 20 Projects (Build It Yourself)



## Synopsis

From Roman times until the Age of Exploration, the Silk Road carried goods and ideas across Central Asia between two major centers of civilization, the Mediterranean Sea and China. In *The Silk Road: Explore the World's Most Famous Trade Route*, readers ages 9-12 will learn about the history, geography, culture, and people of the Silk Road region. Marco Polo was just one of many who set out on the Silk Road in search of wealth, power, or knowledge. These adventurers braved vast deserts, towering mountain peaks, warring tribes, and marauding bandits. Silk garments, wool rugs, and fine glass were the prizes for those who survived the trip. Activities using everyday materials bring the Silk Road to life. Young readers will see how ideas in math, science, religion, and art were spread by travelers along with the treasures they found. *The Silk Road* takes readers on an exciting, interactive adventure to a faraway place and celebrates its important role in human history and development...

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Age Range: 9 - 12 years

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## Customer Reviews

Once you start to try to teach the huge expanse of distance and time that is the Silk Road, you need some help. *The Silk Road: 7,000 Miles of History* John Major's "The Silk Road" is vital, and so is

this book by Kathy Ceceri. This book not only provides the history and a glimpse of the cultures, but also offers activities that your kids can do BY THEMSELVES. This is important. The activities include things like: Make a Gordian Knot (leather laces work very well) Make a Paiza Passport (Sculpee clay is great, and paintable.) Make a Rihla travel journal -- actually a great project for any long family trip) Embroider a butterfly (directions are difficult to follow -- offer help) Make a felt rug (this works great) Evil Eye Glass Marble (we didn't try this) Recipe for spiced tea Make a Silk Road map (very cool) Experiment with fire at high altitude Experiment with salt to keep water from freezing Make a model yurt (great results) Recipe for Lagman noodles Game: shooting bones Make an abacus Make paper (needs adult help) and more Clear text. This is excellent work. You need this book.

I loved for the most part for the projects and easy to read overview of the vast historical period and geographical area. Someone has to really proof read for a second edition. Kazakh is misspelled as Kazahk, and there are a few other errors as well I can see. And I am not a historian in any measure. Also, there is too much credit for Alexander without factual backing in the text, while Genghis Khan's empire is wrongfully presented as destroyers of the land. Genghis Khan's empire was a much greater empire than Alexander ever dreamed off. It was Genghis who set foundation to present day mail system with his network of guarded posts and very enduring horses. Mongols supported merchants and trade! Get your facts straight in other words.

Clever! Imaginative! Entertaining! The author artfully makes us feel as though we are a merchant traveling along the Silk Road--an ancient trade route between China and the Mediterranean Sea--with her treasure trove of easy-to-follow text, maps, pictures, definitions, trivia, foreign words, time charts, etc. 9-12 year olds will love this. Congratulations to Kathy Ceceri for gifting a book that allows students to take a field trip that doesn't have to leave the classroom to be fun!

I believe if I had purchased a physical copy of the book it would have served as a better resource. Buying it for my Kindle meant instant access but became a pain trying to locate items for class. The book contains great projects; my students did the Gordian Knot (confusing), the passport, the journal, yurt, butterfly and carpets. I wanted to try as many activities as possible; some were not explained enough or not enough pictures to make it easily doable (Gordian Knot). I could not provide the students pictures of how to make the yurt, they would not copy. Again, I think it would be more useful in hard copy rather than digital.

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