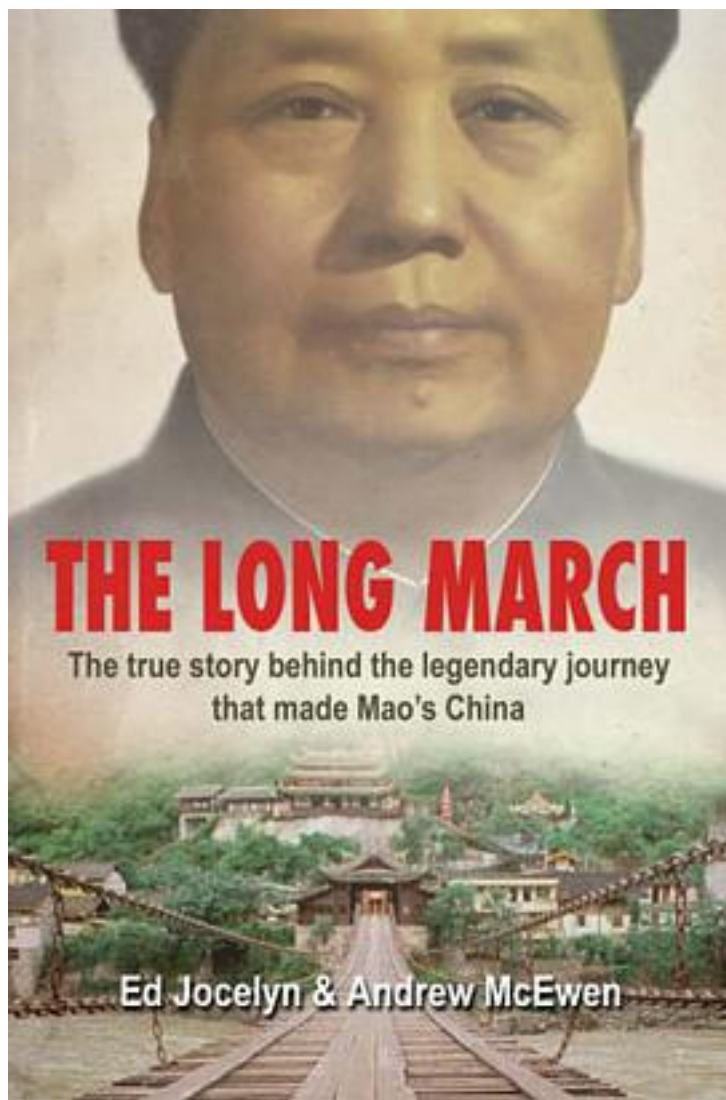


The Long March



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The Herald

The authors have put together a first-rate, considered account of what happened, how and to what end.

Financial Times

Jocelyn and McEwen's physical reconstruction of the march is wonderfully gruelling reading.

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This remarkable study offers an extraordinary picture of China, past and present.

Synopsis

This is a living history of the legendary journey that made Mao's China. In October 1934, the First Front Army of the Chinese Communist Party fled annihilation by Chiang Kai-shek's Nationalists. Some 80,000 men, women and children left their homes to walk with Mao into the unknown. One year, 4,000 miles and countless battles later, fewer than 4,000 were left. From these survivors would grow the army that conquered China 14 years on, changing history for ever. In October 2002, Ed Jocelyn and Andrew McEwen set off to retrace the Red Army's footsteps, and record the experiences of the last-remaining witnesses and participants of the Long March - before it was too late. The result is an account of the March based squarely on eye-witness accounts. It contrasts starkly with the official version and with recent contentions that the March was a fraud. The Long March really did happen, but it was spun into the key propaganda tool Mao wielded in his rise to ultimate power. Bringing together the historic event, with images of a changing society and their own March - a remarkable feat of endurance in itself - the authors offer a unique picture of China, past and present.

作者介绍:

This book is ideal for the armchair traveller. See China through the eyes of two Chinese-speaking journalists who backpack from one remote village to the next through mud and rain. Hear hilarious stories about frustrating dead-end trails, detailed descriptions of the people that helped Ed and Andy follow the path and learn about the Communists on the original Long March in easily digestible history. Each chapter is a well-polished journal entry -- some contain newsworthy stories. History books should always be this amusing. Ed and Andy have many witty observations about Chinese culture. This book is a must-read for anyone curious about China. Prepare yourself for an adventure.

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第一印象，不管那两万五千里是否是实数还是虚指，长征耗时真的很长，路途遥远，沿途的艰难险阻真得难以想象。这两个英国男人在路上经过了384个日子，在现代装备与补给的保障下，仍然要面对疲倦，饥饿，疾病，极端天气，语言障碍，信息匮乏，迷失方向，文化冲突等各种各样的问题。他们第一天出发与最后到达吴起时，两个人的外貌与神情都发生了巨大的变化。第二印象，沿途的贫困。第三印象，中国人的纯良，友善，两个英国年轻人的执着与热情。虽然沿途他们也遇到了不屑、嘲讽、愚弄，但是大多数最质朴的中国农民，除了无知与愚钝，展现出来的仍然是善良、羞涩、关切、体贴。

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