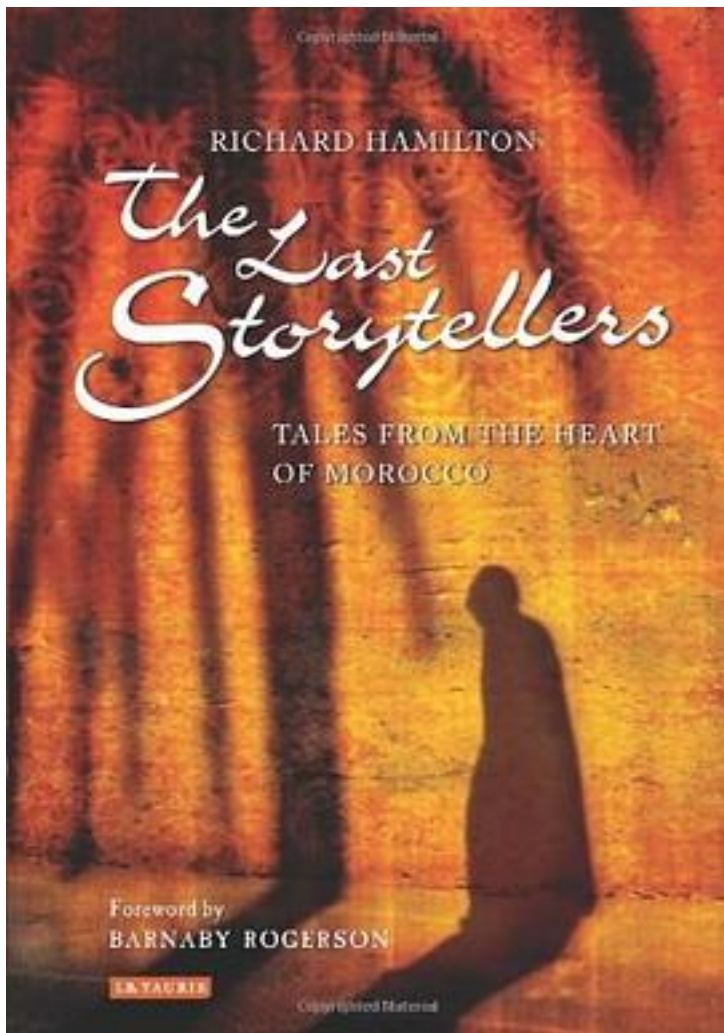


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Marrakech is the heart and lifeblood of Morocco's ancient storytelling tradition. For

nearly a thousand years, storytellers have gathered in the Jemaa el Fna, the legendary square of the city, to recount ancient folktales and fables to rapt audiences. But this unique chain of oral tradition that has passed seamlessly from generation to generation is teetering on the brink of extinction. The competing distractions of television, movies and the internet have drawn the crowds away from the storytellers and few have the desire to learn the stories and continue their legacy. Richard Hamilton has witnessed at first hand the death throes of this rich and captivating tradition and, in the labyrinth of the Marrakech medina, has tracked down the last few remaining storytellers, recording stories that are replete with the mysteries and beauty of the Maghreb.

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评论

在马拉喀什的第二天，我收到这份圣诞礼物。白天，用脚丈量这座千年古城；晚上，在故事里读她的灵魂。这本书是我近一段时间最大的阅读惊喜，它带我回到阅读乐趣的源头所在：在一本本故事集里品尝喜怒哀乐爱憎欲，因情节的起伏转折而屏气凝神。除了这种“原始阅读快感”，这本书还时不时令我哑然失笑：这里，跟中国某个民间故事好像；那个，分明就是灰姑娘的摩洛哥版本。文化，从来都是相通的啊，这是多么奇妙的一件事。除了故事本身，前言和作者笔记也文采斐然，后者不仅讲述了这本书的创作过程、摩洛哥storytelling的历史，还探讨了古老传统与当代世界的关系。

本来以为这本书大概是要自己建立条目了，没想到豆瓣已经有了！

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