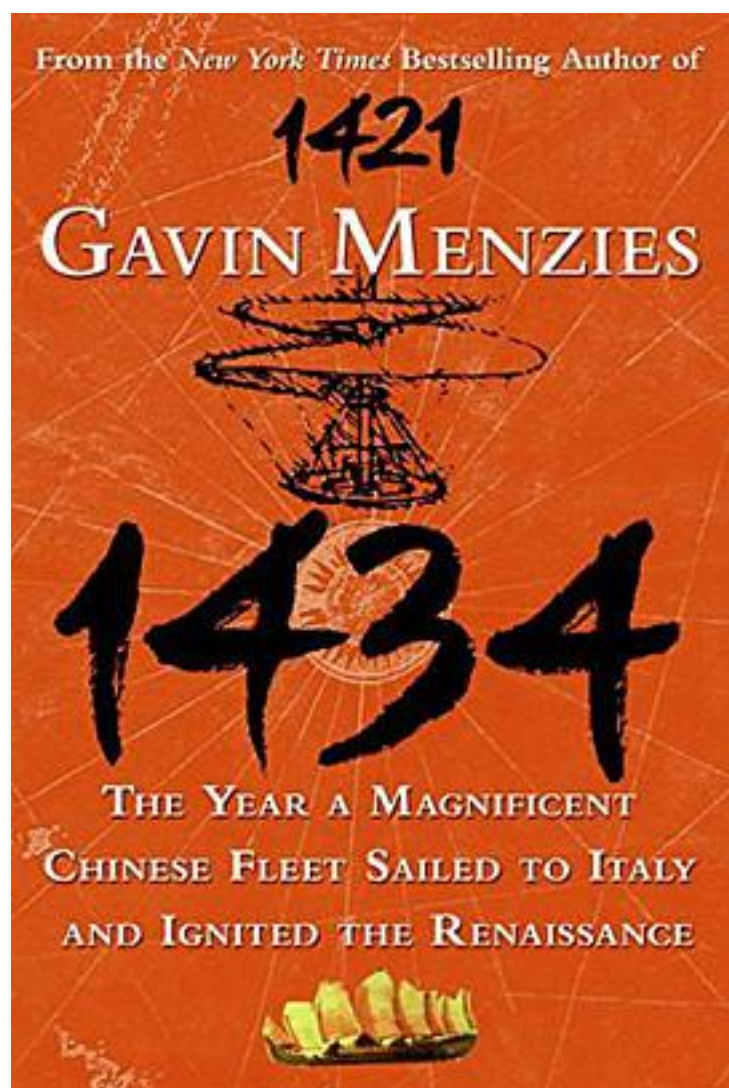


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The brilliance of the Renaissance laid the foundation of the modern world. Textbooks tell us that it came about as a result of a rediscovery of the ideas and ideals of classical Greece and Rome. But now bestselling historian Gavin Menzies makes the startling argument that in the year 1434, China—then the world's most technologically advanced civilization—provided the spark that set the European Renaissance ablaze. From that date onward, Europeans embraced Chinese intellectual ideas, discoveries, and inventions, all of which form the basis of western civilization today.

Florence and Venice of the early fifteenth century were hubs of world trade, attracting traders from across the globe. Based on years of research, this marvelous history argues that a Chinese fleet—official ambassadors of the emperor—arrived in Tuscany in 1434, where they were received by Pope Eugenius IV in Florence. The delegation presented the influential pope with a wealth of Chinese learning from a diverse range of fields: art, geography (including world maps that were passed on to Christopher Columbus and Ferdinand Magellan), astronomy, mathematics, printing, architecture, steel manufacturing, military weaponry, and more. This vast treasure trove of knowledge spread across Europe, igniting the legendary inventiveness of the Renaissance, including the work of such geniuses as da Vinci, Copernicus, Galileo, and more.

In 1434, Gavin Menzies combines this long-overdue historical reexamination with the excitement of an investigative adventure. He brings the reader aboard the remarkable Chinese fleet as it sails from China to Cairo and Florence, and then back across the world. Erudite and brilliantly reasoned, 1434 will change the way we see ourselves, our history, and our world.

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“开封有个包青天，铁面无私辩忠奸。” “王朝马汉你们唱完没有，快押嫌犯上堂！”
“是，大人。” 只听得“啪”一下惊堂木声，跟着一声断喝 “堂下何人，报上名来！看你形状猥琐，所犯何事，一一道来，不得隐瞒！”
只见一美髯公施施然抬起头，头上带着个奇奇怪怪的帽子，一脸疑...

这本书的简介给我的第一印象是：皇帝不急太监急，在中国人还对郑和是否抵达过新大陆报以一个巨大的问号时，英国的加文·孟席斯已经率先收集了大量证据，并且出版了此书，当然，我们也可以理解为超越国界的伟大情怀。
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