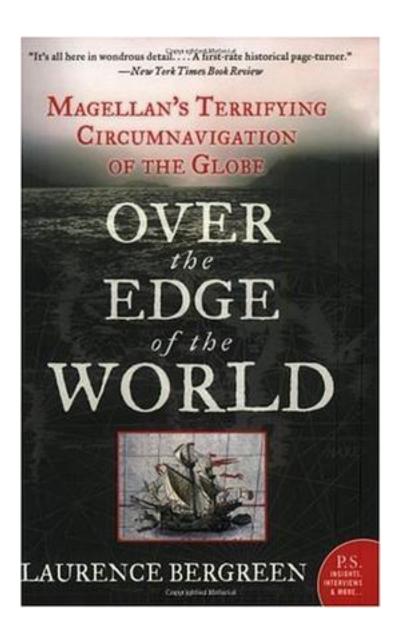
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The astonishing tale of the first sea voyage to circumnavigate the entire globe. Magellan's dramatic maritime expedition in 1519 discovered the straits that enabled Europe to trade with the Eastern spice islands and changed the course of history. In an era of intense commercial rivalry between Spain and Portugal, Ferdinand Magellan, a Portuguese navigator sailed to explore the undiscovered parts of the world and claim them for the Spanish crown in one of the largest and best-equipped expeditions ever mounted in the Age of Discovery. Yet of the fleet of five vessels under his command, only Victoria was to return to Spain after three harrowing years, her captain murdered, more than two hundred of her sailors dead from scurvy, torture, execution and drowning, and a small, ravaged crew that survived to tell the extraordinarily dramatic story. What emerged was a tale of mutiny, of orgies on distant shores, of claims of cannibalism, of death and disease, of missionary zeal and base cruelty, and of incredible discoveries: the earth was indeed round, the Americas were not part of India, the earth was covered mainly by oceans, and a new route that allowed Europe access to the fantastic wealth of the Eastern spice islands. Indeed, despite the devastating loss of life and vessels, the Victoria sailed back laden with enough cloves and other spices for the expedition to be considered a remarkable financial success. Accomplished despite the fact that European mariners were exploring a world that was unmapped and misunderstood, where superstition held sway and there were real fears that you could literally sail over the edge of the world, that sea monsters lurked in the bring depths, or that if you passed the equator, the ocean would boil and scald you to death, this was a truly spectacular achievement. The shockingly explicit diaries of Antonio Pigafetta reveal much of the story. This is a many-layered book -- a voyage into history, a tour of the world as it was emerging from the Middle Ages into the Renaissance, an anthropological account of exotic tribes and a chronicle of a desperate grab for political and commercial power. It is also a gripping adventure story, compelling and full of suspense and drama.

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书评

这是一次怀抱壮阔的旅行,让年近四十、身负战伤的麦哲伦放手最后一搏,宁可背叛祖国葡萄牙、投入敌国西班牙的怀抱,也要在有生之年完成环球航行、找到香料之岛。这是一次前途晦暗的旅行,没有人真心站在英雄的这边。对西班牙来说,麦哲伦是一颗弃子,一笔划算的买卖。此事成…

二足半

看封面和装帧,会以为自己拿到手里的是一本盗版书。幸而读起来很快就被内容吸引了。故事并不复杂,葡萄牙破落贵族麦哲伦多年不受葡萄牙国王重视,为了达成自己寻找香料群岛的梦想,只能背弃祖国,宣誓效忠支持自己远洋计划的西班牙国王。只会书面西班牙语的麦哲伦就这样…

感谢大家提出的宝贵意见。作为出版人,我们非常重视每位的意见。对于大家在书评中提到的几处有争议的地方,现贴出原文供大家讨论。 1. 2.26页 人们对麦哲伦的母亲阿尔达・德・梅斯基塔(Alda de

Mesquita)知之甚少,坊间流传着很多有趣的猜测。"梅斯基塔"在葡萄牙语中的含义

今天是作业截止日期,但笔记还没梳理完…只能先把一些小想法暂时罗列一下。

1.本来以为只是一部关于麦哲伦船队环球航行的叙述史,看完才知道这是一个血肉丰满的航海故事。作者从地理大发现前的"地理"故事开始,延伸出很多枝蔓,把我之前零散的欧洲史知识通过航海的视角串联了

多的关注,在后世投下巨大的影子。但是,历史实在太漫长了,即便是这些事件,也仅 是其中的一个个小点。对于大部...

原本我没有打算写片书评,因为我对这本书的大量时间都用来写笔记。对于地理大发现 这类题材一直是我的最爱,因为他们跟我们现在的生活可以说都是息息相关的,单单从 香料的需求和供给,以及为什么西方人对香料如此的惜爱,通过前因推后果,再反过来 如此几次,就会发现这本书讲的...

金本位制就是以黄金为本位币的货币制度。对于执行金本位制的国家而言,黄金的数量 决定着国家的国际储备资产。丝绸和香料从中印辗转贸易至西欧时,价格已经变得极其昂贵,这使得欧洲各国黄金储备严重不足。为了获取更多的金属资源,以及更廉价的香料,西欧的商人和贵族迫切希望...

	明的惊奇。 1.青黄 ² 刷术问世,书籍和/	不接的时间是最适宜	主动身的时间。	
	是我读过的第一本 [£] 这七个字的沉重与》 不论对与错(我读=	艮辛。		
当抽中这本书时,颇感惊讶以应对这历史书。拿到手, 以应对这历史书。拿到手, "的通俗读物,但念及自己 着兴趣读了下去。读完全书	翻了几页,有些失 除了在历史教材略很	望,没想到仅是本意	关于"麦哲伦环球	就行
	着西班牙船队环球排 为传播基督教而对:	的麦哲伦船队的各利 深险的最大威胁,原 当地人发动攻击中被	中经历。 居然是西班牙船长 皮打死,但丝毫不	的叛 影响
本书是一本通俗历史类读物 ,也亲自重走了麦哲伦海峡 副标题中的"转动人类历史 点,至于主标题"黄金、香	,但总体的写作手》 "也就成了一个文字	一些一手历史资料(法仍是小说类,而为 学性的称赞,而不是	主要是皮加费塔E 下是严肃的史学著 是有充分事实支撑	3记) 音作。 聲的论

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