



## Forbidden Journey (Paperback)

By Ella Maillart

Northwestern University Press, United States, 2003. Paperback. Condition: New. Revised. Language: English . Brand New Book. In 1935 Ella Maillart contemplated one of the most arduous journeys in the world: the impossible journey from Peking, then a part of Japanese-occupied China, through the distant province of Sinkiang (present day Turkistan), to Kashmir. Enlisting newswriter Peter Fleming (with the caveat that his company remain tolerable), Maillart undertook a journey considered almost beyond imagination for any European and doubly so for a woman. The trip promised hardships such as typhus and bandits, as well as the countless hazards surrounding the civil war between Chinese communists and Chiang Kai-shek's nationalists. Setting out with pockets full of Mexican money (the currency used in China at the time), Maillart encountered a way of life now lost, but one that then had gone unchanged for centuries. Maillart describes it all with the sharp eye and unvarnished prose of a veteran reporter - the missionaries and rogues, parents binding daughters feet with rags, the impatient Fleming lighting fires under stubborn camels. It's a hard road, not that Maillart cares. At all times she is a witty, always-enchanted guide - except when it comes to dealing...



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