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set in an area once more back in the headlines— M. Bailey, whose extraordinary adventures are told here, was lengthy accused by Moscow of being a British master-spy sent in 1918 to overthrow the Bolsheviks in Central Asia.that of half-hero, half-villain.Because of this, he enjoyed many years after his death an almost legendary popularity there— At one point, using a false identity, he actually became a member of the ranks of the latter, who unsuspectingly delivered him to Bokhara to arrest himself.In this remarkable book, which was initial published in he tells of the perilous game of cat-and-mouse, enduring sixteen a few months, which he played with the Bolshevik secret law enforcement, the dreaded Cheka.Told with almost breathtaking understatement, Bailey's narrative—Colonel F.reads like vintage Buchan." Peter Hopkirk.among the best books about secret intelligence work ever written."...



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Ought to be a movie I read Objective to Tashkent years ago, enjoyed it, and gave it to a pal with a higher recommendation. An excellent companion pluece to this book would be Peter Flemin g's Information FROM TRTARY and also Ella Maillart's FORBIDDEN JOURNEY. Say what you need about Imperialism generally, but the particular variant of British Colonialism engendered a respect for regional languages and cultures, and a concept that there have been firm limits on the extent of direct control by "boot styles on the ground" -- and if boots were not necessary, or simply very costly then people like Col. Bailey's personal first hand account of the changing times from his personal precarious placement is entrancing. It's the stuff of a spy thriller that would make for a thrilling film. Bailey and his contemporary British officers realised that a good man extremely educated in the neighborhood languages and cultures, aware of the world as they say, in the proper place could obviate the necessity for an armed expedition, take care of national passions. Still this game can only be played so long and then it really is period for Bailey to cover, and hide fast mainly because the Bolsheviks want his head..HIS MISSION While HE DESCRIBED It all, WAS A VERY NOBLE MISSION ;TO OVERTHROW THE BOLSHEVIK REGIME IN CENTRAL ASIA. THE UNITED STATES emphasis today is upon brute and overwhelming force to shape the world its picture -- it is inward looking.. At the end of WWI with revolution all over Central Asia (and lots of other parts of the globe), the collapse of monarchies, and civil strife generally in most countries, Britain was in imperial overreach turbo setting. A traditional account of true adventure by one of the .Men on the ground made this decision and Bailey is your classical "our man in Tashkent" -- the hero of Buchan novels (which sadly few read anymore).L. Bailey is among the true heroes of 'The Great Game,' (which continues as only the names of the players have been changed. and make for a ripping browse.and how might spies get hired to arrest themselves? Bailey writes in the most common British style of understatement. I recently bought another copy and am experiencing reading it again. That is a great book... purchase it and enjoy! Bloody Good Yarn! COL F.ALSO I WOULD RECOMMEND A BOOK BY PETER HOPKIRK SETTING THE EAST ABLAZE... How to approach most of these troubles concurrently while retaining the Empire?Bailey offers you an idea of the kind of person, military man, great headed, well educated, politically astute, in a position to order men in battle, reasonable and just: a reflection of a mindset that battle and force will be the last resorts to stay conflict. People in 1918 were concerned Bolshevism would sweep the globe order away as everywhere the objective facts seemed to support the inexorable rise of the Reds. COL F. His tale is one daring get away after the other, dual crosses within doublecrosses, and the ubiquitous agent provocateur that could become anyone..THIS BOOK SHOULD BE SORT OF SYMBOL AND SHOULD MAINTAIN THE SHELVES OUT OF ALL THE ANTI-BOLSHEVIKS.As such I possibly could not help thinking what went wrong and why the modern imperialists just like the US absence a good single person of this ilk, and why their tradition did everything possible to thwart the nuturing of such spies before 2001. An excellent insight in to the world of Intrigue and existence in the post WW1 Central Asian politics and folks. Bailey's journey through Central Asia was to assess the status of roaming Central Power troops and bloodthirsty bolsheviks -- always wearing guns to intimidate, and always failing with our hero Bailey. Bailey is at a drawback because he will not often have an good idea what his govt. is doing and so he engages in light banter with Bolsheviks who talk to him how he gets away on coming to the heart of Bolshevist Central Asian, Turkestan when British troops are fighting against the Bolsheviks in Archangel and Baku? Since Bailey realises that the Bolsheviks tend to be as scarce of data as he is, he injects doubt in to the discussion? How will the Commissar know that these were in fact British troops? This suffices not as the Bolsheviks buy some of it, but because they're too busy planting brokers speying on him to understand his

"true" purpose and whomsoever in the counterrevolutionary motion he may be dealing with.UZBEKISTAN USED TO BE ALWAYS A REPUBLIC OF THE FORMER SOVIET UNION. In a number of disguises our hero undergoes questioning while dressed as an area, passes the bolsheviks in a purloined Austrian uniform and, shifting from safe-house to safe-house and knowing how to survive in the desert, he conducts espionage against the Bolsheviks and lives a lifestyle always just one single half step ahead of the bolsheviks... sometimes these were literally yards away from him..THIS BOOK IS AN EXTRAORDINARY Reserve BY A Uk OFFICIAL, OCCUR 1918 IN CENTRAL ASIA...This true story by an incredibly self-effacing man provides something of import for today's world. I kept thinking that the situation at the end of the World Battle was at least as even worse (or worse) than the present time in Central Asia and the Middle East. A few great men on the floor, grinding up their footwear leather, sending out reports and defining the chance, ensured that Britain got involved only once empire and nation were threatened. However the British (pretty much) held their heads and deployed resources rather wisely. They developed whole generations of people schooled in the tradition of the Empire. It gives a insider's look at the intrigue, hazards and rapid changes occuring after WWI on many fronts throughout Russia and the Middle East. Bailey were the men to monitor and look after British passions, by subterfuge and stealth -- they never had the blissful luxury of overwhelming force. His tale is moving, heart thumping in detail, while getting understated -- this man wanted no praise..SIX . 5 DECADES Prior to REAGAN MADE THE Expression EVIL EMPIRE, THIS BRITISH OFFICER BY Initial HANDEXPERIENCES, DISCOVER THE PERFIDIOUS AND MURDEROUS CHARACTER OF THE Reddish REGIME. MISSION TO TASHKENT TASHKENT IS Right now THE ADMINISTRATIVE CENTRE OF UZBEKISTAN, A REPUBLIC SITUATED IN CENTRAL ASIA WHERE THE ARAL Ocean IS...)Bailey's tale is a true account of an incredibly hazardous mission through the heighth of the Russian Civil Battle to find out what on earth was occurring. There is a lot the US can learn from men such as Bailey. A Thriller THAT'S TRUE!. The Uk really had it together. M. Bailey, who would have made a great model for Buchan's hero, Sir Richard Hannay, was submitted the midst of the Russian Civil Battle to find out what was taking place. Hairbreadth escapes, feats of daring-do, and impressive coincidences all combine to make this book a remarkable read. This book reads as though it were among John Buchan's more memorable thrillers -- except that it's true!. Probably his ultimate feat was being hired by Cheka to find and apprehend the notorious Britsh spy, Bailey! This book is crucial for anyone interested in 'The Great Game,' (which still goes on with newer players), the Silk Road (where the book is defined), or Central Asia will see this an excellent read, and a first-class adventure yarn! Real Life Improves On Fiction!.. A classic account of true adventure by one of the heros of the 'Great Video game", Col.F M Bailey, whom I was honored to learn in his old age. An excellent insight in to the world of Intrigue and life in .... Bailey tells his story perfectly and with classic English understatement. Five Stars Exciting! Highly recommended A surprisingly good accounts of the author's amount of time in Soviet Turkestan from 1918-1919. He was a British top secret agent. It was a period of turmoil when people could be arrested or shot for small reason.



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