**Silk Road Research Bibliography with brief notes**

*Compiled from various sources*

**Note:** There are many thousands of scholarly and entertainment books and articles from and about the Silk Roads. The following is only a short and very incomplete list I have used and enjoyed for research and/or simple entertainment. This bibliography is a compilation of several others I made that are loosely grouped into classical, early modernist, and contemporary. I tried to include as many links as possible to locations where some of this material can be downloaded for free.

If I were just starting my Silk Road research I’d first read Peter Frankopan’s *The Silk Roads, A New History of the World*, and follow that with Peter Hopkirk’s *Foreign Devils on the Silk Road*. From there, the reader will have to follow his or her own interests, but at least a good foundation will have been laid.

In regards to Silk Road Studies, the *single best online resource* appears to be:[**http://www.silkroadfoundation.org/toc/index.html**](http://www.silkroadfoundation.org/toc/index.html)organized by a private foundation in the San Francisco Bay area. A teacher wishing to prepare a Silk Road Studies curriculum for example would be wise to start here. <http://www.silk-road.com> is also one of their domains.

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Silk Road bibliographies of classic texts from several hundred languages could be compiled from the three main language trees, Indo-European languages (e.g. English, Spanish, Russian, Hindi), Sino-Tibetan (with Mandarin as the largest living descendant), and Afro-Asiatic languages (e.g. Arabic), including of course Aramaic, Bactrian, Kalmyk, the extinct Hittite language of  Nesa, “Persian” language families (native Iranian Persian speakers call it *Farsi*), Sanskrit, Turkic languages (including Turkish, Azeri, Uzbek, Uyghur, Turkmen, Tartar, Kyrgyz, Qashqai, Bashkir, Chuvash, Afshar…) and so on… The Turkic language family alone includes some 35 living languages with hundreds of extinct dialects.

Though the short bibliography above is only a tiny fraction of the Silk Road literature out there, I think it’s one of the more useful and entertaining collections.

As my research expands I hope to keep the above bibliography growing. If any readers of this document should know of a particularly excellent Silk Road history, biography of a Silk Road character, or even a good Silk Road novel, please let me know.

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