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Peter Hopkirk has traveled widely over many years in the regions where his books are set--Central Asia, Russia, China, India, Pakistan, and the Middle East. His nearly twenty years with *The Times* included work as an Asian affairs specialist. His previous books include *The Great Game*, *Foreign Devils on the Silk Road*, *Trespassers on the Roof of the World*, *Setting the East Ablaze*, and *Our Secret Service East of Constantinople*. His works have been translated into twelve languages.

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