

Via de la Plata: Small Group Walking Tour in the Footsteps of Pilgrims

Reading List

Pilgrimage: The Great Pilgrim Routes of Britain and Europe

by Derry Brabbs

Pilgrimage in Europe is thriving on a massive scale. This century the cathedral at Santiago de Compostela alone has seen 40 times the number of pilgrim visits. Author Derry Brabbs' previous book, *Roads to Santiago*, focused exclusively on the 'camino' through France and Spain to Santiago de Compostela; *Pilgrimage* revisits this classic route, and nine other inspirational journeys across Europe.

The Silver Way: China, Spanish America and the birth of globalisation 1565-1815: Penguin Specials

by Peter Gordon

Long before London and New York rose to international prominence, a trading route was discovered between Spanish America and China that ushered in a new era of globalisation. The Ruta de la Plata or 'Silver Way' catalysed economic and cultural exchange, built the foundations for the first global currency and led to the rise of the first 'world city'. And yet, for all its importance, the Silver Way is too often neglected in conventional narratives on the birth of globalisation. Gordon and Morales re-establish its fascinating role in economic and cultural history, with direct consequences for how we understand China today.

Reconquest and Crusade in Medieval Spain

by Joseph F. O'Callaghan

Drawing from both Christian and Islamic sources, *Reconquest and Crusade in Medieval Spain* demonstrates that the clash of arms between Christians and Muslims in the Iberian peninsula that began in the early eighth century was transformed into a crusade by the papacy during the twelfth and thirteenth centuries. Successive popes accorded to Christian warriors willing to participate in the peninsular wars against Islam the same crusading benefits offered to those going to the Holy Land. Joseph F. O'Callaghan clearly demonstrates that any study of the history of the crusades must take

a broader view of the Mediterranean to include medieval Spain.
