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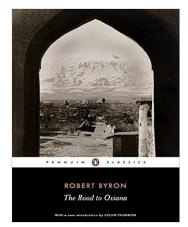
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A real-life adventure that inspired countless travellers in fact and fiction, the Penguin Classics edition of Robert Byron's *The Road to Oxiana* includes an introduction by Colin Thubron.

In 1933 Robert Byron began a journey through the Middle East via Beirut, Jerusalem, Baghdad, and Teheran to Oxiana - the country of the Oxus, the ancient name for the river Amu Darya which forms part of the border between Afghanistan and the Soviet Union. *The Road to Oxiana* offers not only a wonderful record of his adventures, but also a rare account of the architectural treasures of a region now inaccessible to most Western travelers.

Robert Byron (1905-41) was born in 1905, and educated at Eton and Merton College, Oxford. He died during the Second World War, when the ship he was serving on was torpedoed by a U-Boat off Cape Wrath. Byron's *The Road to Oxiana* is considered by many modern travel writers to be the first example of great travel writing.