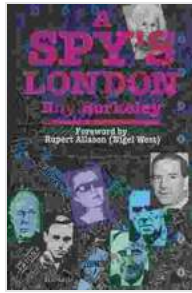


Spy London: Richard Hakluyt, the Elizabethan Secret Agent Who Shaped the World



Richard Hakluyt was one of the most important figures in the history of English exploration. As a secret agent for Queen Elizabeth I, he played a key role in the establishment of the British Empire.



A Spy's London by Richard Hakluyt

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Hakluyt was born in London in 1552. He was educated at Westminster School and Christ Church, Oxford. After graduating from Oxford, Hakluyt traveled to France and Italy, where he studied geography and navigation.

In 1584, Hakluyt was recruited by Sir Francis Walsingham, the Queen's principal secretary. Walsingham tasked Hakluyt with gathering intelligence on Spanish and Portuguese activities in the New World. Hakluyt traveled to the Americas and Africa, where he met with explorers, traders, and missionaries. He also collected maps, charts, and other documents that would help England to expand its empire.

In 1589, Hakluyt published his first book, "The Principal Navigations, Voyages, Traffiques and Discoveries of the English Nation." This book was a collection of accounts of English exploration and discovery. It was a huge success, and it helped to inspire a new generation of explorers.

Hakluyt continued to work as a secret agent for the Queen until her death in 1603. After the Queen's death, Hakluyt retired to a country estate. He

continued to write and publish books about exploration and discovery. He died in 1616.

Hakluyt's work was essential to the establishment of the British Empire. He provided the English government with the information it needed to make informed decisions about where to explore and colonize. He also helped to create a sense of national pride and identity among the English people.

Hakluyt's legacy is still felt today. His work continues to inspire explorers and historians. He is considered one of the most important figures in the history of English exploration.

Hakluyt's Secret Missions

Hakluyt was involved in a number of secret missions for the Queen. One of his most important missions was to gather intelligence on the Spanish Armada. In 1588, the Spanish Armada set sail for England with the intention of invading the country. Hakluyt was able to provide the English government with valuable information about the Armada's strength and weaknesses. This information helped the English to defeat the Armada.

Hakluyt was also involved in a number of other secret missions, including:

- * Gathering intelligence on the Portuguese in the East Indies
- * Promoting English colonization in the New World
- * Establishing trade relations with Russia

Hakluyt's Publications

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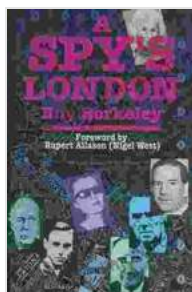
* "Divers Voyages Touching the Discovery of America" (1582) * "The Discourse of Western Planting" (1584) * "A Briefe and True Declaration of the Estate of the Colony in Virginia" (1588) * "The Voyages of William Hawkins" (1589) * "The Voyage of Sir Humphrey Gilbert" (1583)

Hakluyt's publications were widely read and influential. They helped to shape the English understanding of the world and inspired a new generation of explorers.

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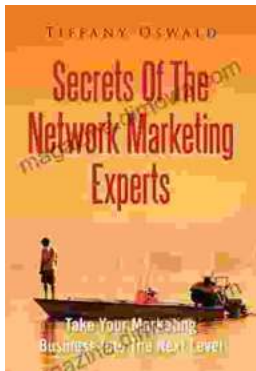
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