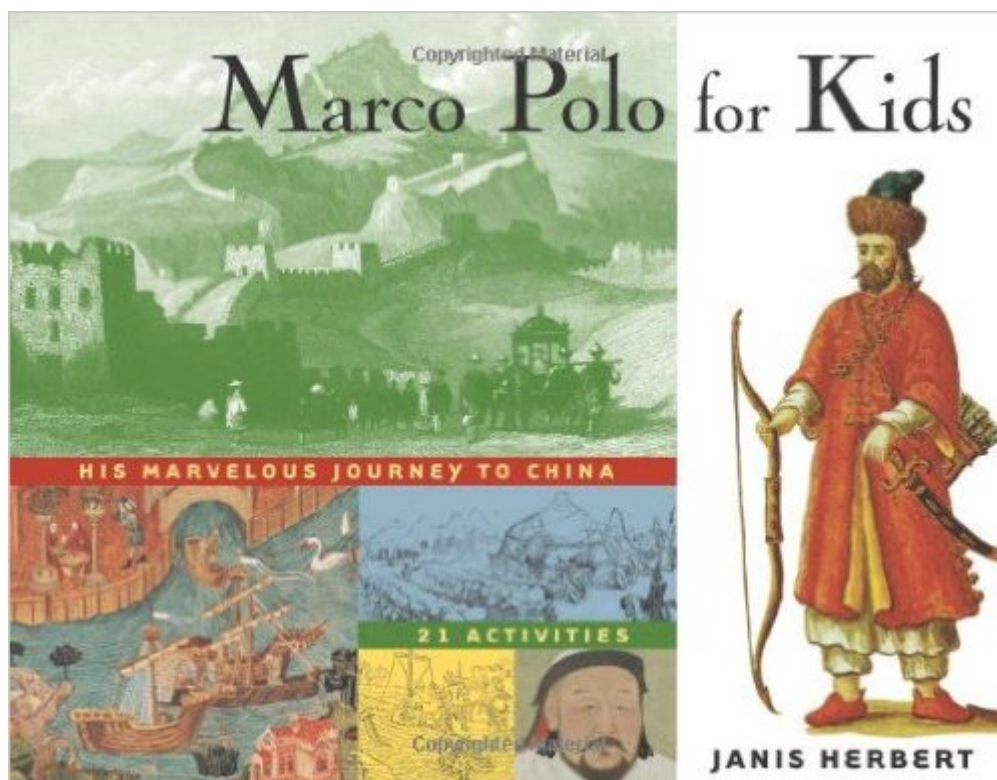


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# Marco Polo For Kids: His Marvelous Journey To China, 21 Activities (For Kids Series)



## Synopsis

The Far East comes alive in this activity book centered on Marco Polo's journey to China from Venice along the 13th-century Silk Road. Kids will join Marco as he travels by caravan through vast deserts and over steep mountain ranges, stopping in exotic cities and humble villages, until at last he arrives at the palace of the Kublai Khan. Woven throughout the tale are 21 activities that highlight the diverse cultures Marco encountered along the way. Activities include making a mythical map, creating a mosaic, fun with Feng Shui, making paper, and putting on a wayang-kulit (shadow-puppet play). Just for fun, kids will learn a few words of Turkish, Persian, Mongol, Hindi, and Chinese. A complete resource section with magnificent museums and their Web sites invites kids to embark on their own expedition of discovery.

## Book Information

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Age Range: 9 and up

Grade Level: 4 and up

## Customer Reviews

This has to be one of the best activity / history combinations I have yet seen. I used this book as curriculum for my homeschool, 4th, 5th & 7th grades. My two highschool age kids have even joined in the fun. There are fairly complex activities, such as weaving a wall hanging, and less complex ones as well, such as making yogurt. My children have thoroughly enjoyed this unit on Marco Polo. Ms. Herbert truly makes Marco Polo's journey come alive with pertinent activities, stories,

tidbits, and asides. I also love how she starts with the perspective of one individual, on a personal basis, then leans out further into history, drawing the interest of the child further & further along, to a much broader perspective, then back to one on one with Marco Polo again. Most importantly, she does NOT leave God out of the equation; rather she dances about with it, allowing parents to delve into the religious aspects as they please, to the extent they please. While religion is not an overwhelming factor, it IS taken into consideration, and I believe any religion would feel comfortable with how she has tastefully addressed it.

This series is great for kids--lots of great information and hands-on science and art activities that are easy to do around the house. The reading content is somewhat difficult--more for the 4th grade and up. Even my 8th grader likes to read them!

This is a great book. Sometimes written at too high a level for my boys (who have high-school reading levels) - I'd expect some of the word choices to be in college texts. But this makes for good explanations and an expansion of reading level, so I'm not too bothered. Love the activities and the explanations of peripheral but fun content.

My son had to read for over the summer reading for his 5th grade teacher and do a project. My husband described this book as it was like watching paint dry! The different activities are neat in the book but the actual reading was boring!

This book provides an open-minded perspective on cultures Marco Polo encountered, although it is superficial in some of its comparisons. Includes sidebars on hominid fossils and how to arrange your room according to Feng Shui principles.

Although the level was higher than I needed. It did supply the important timeline that I needed,It provided a map of his journey that applied to my fourth grade.

Wonderful book and great activities! We love the book. It is perfect for learning more about historical facts and hands in fun!

Lots of pictures and activities

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