

Was He The First Man To Discover America 15 Minute 609?

In 1492, Christopher Columbus set sail from Spain in search of a new route to India. He stumbled upon the Americas instead, and is credited with discovering the New World.



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But what if Columbus wasn't the first European to reach the Americas? What if someone else had already discovered the New World, 15 minutes before Columbus?

This is the intriguing question posed by Gavin Menzies in his book, "1421: The Year China Discovered America." Menzies argues that a Chinese fleet led by Admiral Zheng He reached the Americas in 1421, 71 years before Columbus.

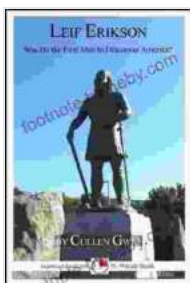
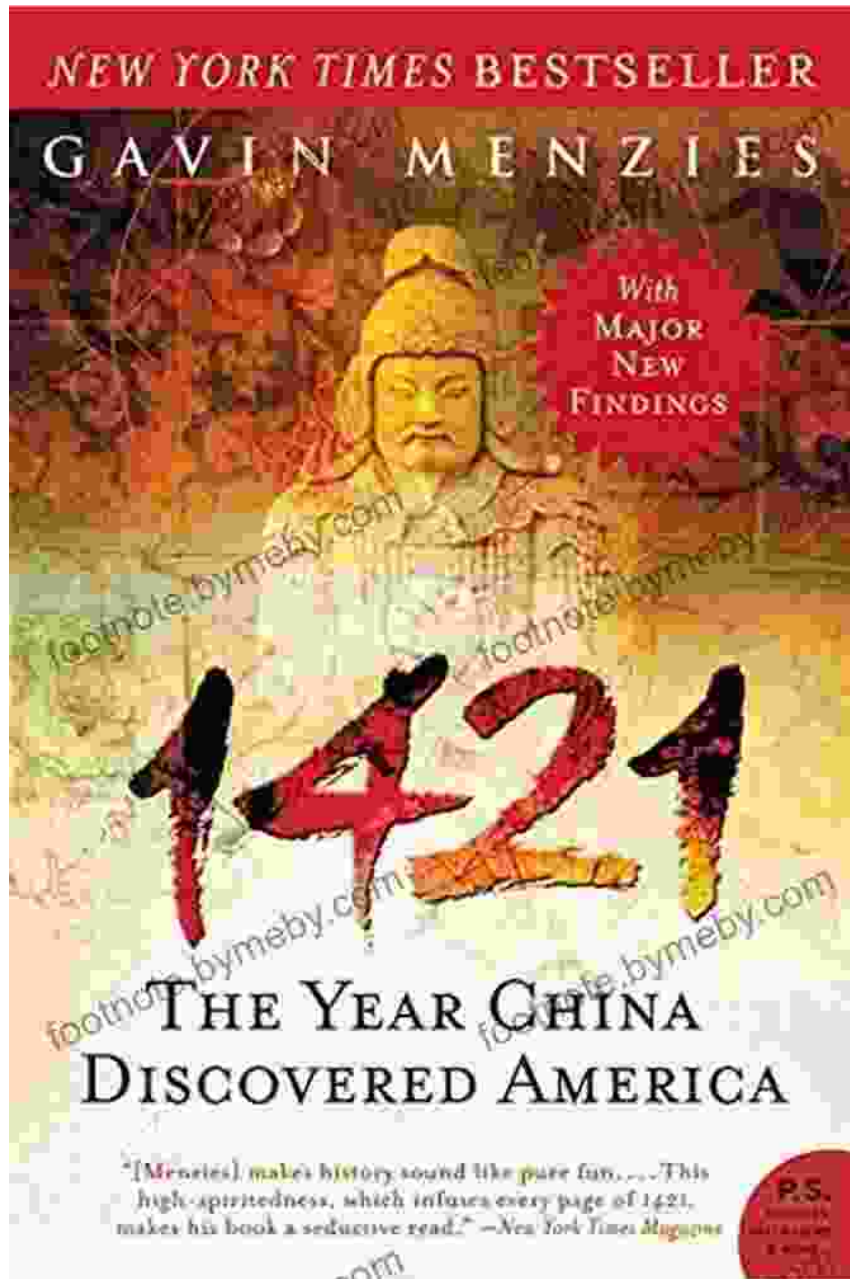
Menzies bases his claim on a number of pieces of evidence, including:

- Chinese maps from the 15th century that show the Americas.
- Accounts from Chinese sailors who claimed to have reached the Americas.
- Archaeological evidence of Chinese artifacts found in the Americas.

Menzies' theory has been met with skepticism by some historians, who argue that the evidence he presents is not conclusive. However, his book has sparked a renewed interest in the possibility that the Chinese may have discovered America before Columbus.

If Menzies is right, then it would mean that the history of the Americas would need to be rewritten. The Chinese would have been the first to reach the New World, and they would have had a major impact on the development of the Americas.

The question of who discovered America first is a complex one, and it is unlikely that we will ever know for sure. However, Menzies' book provides a fascinating and thought-provoking look at a possible alternative history of the Americas.



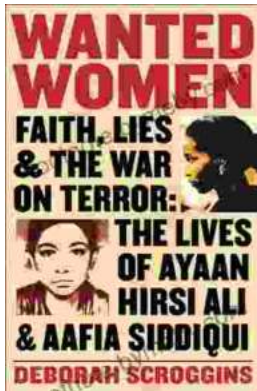
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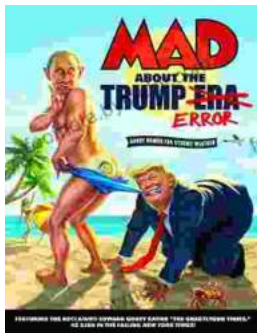
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