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The Great Wall of China From History to Myth Cambridge University Press This is the first full scholarly study of the Great Wall of China to appear in any language, and it challenges many deeply held ideas about Chinese history. Drawing both on primary sources and on the latest archaeology, the book first demonstrates that the standard account of the Great Wall is untrue and misleading and then presents a convincing new account. It begins by tracing the various walls and systems of frontier defences that existed in early Chinese history, and shows how the greatest of these achieved a mythical symbolic stature which long survived the Wall itself. A striking concluding chapter traces how the true history of the Wall was lost in the early twentieth century as it was gradually transformed into a Chinese national symbol explained through historical myth. The book is an important contribution to the history of China's defensive policy, and her ideological attitudes, and will be of interest both to students of Chinese history and of international relations in the pre-modern world. The Great Wall China Against the World, 1000 BC-AD 2000 Open Road + Grove/Atlantic A "gripping, colorful" history of China's Great Wall that explores the conquests and cataclysms of the empire from 1000 BC to the present day (Publishers Weekly). Over two thousand years old, the Great Wall of China is a symbolic and physical dividing line between the civilized Chinese and the "barbarians" at their borders. Historian Julia Lovell looks behind the intimidating fortification and its mythology to uncover a complex history far more fragmented and less illustrious that its crowds of visitors imagine today. Lovell's story winds through the lives of the millions of individuals who built and attacked it, and recounts how succeeding dynasties built sections of the wall as defenses against the invading Huns, Mongols, and Turks, and how the ming dynasty, in its quest to create an empire, joined the regional ramparts to make what the Chinese call the "10,000 Li" or the "long wall." An epic that reveals the true history of a nation, The Great Wall is "a supremely inviting entrée to the country" and essential reading for anyone who wants to understand China's past, present, and future (Booklist). A History Of The Great Wall Of China World Scientific The Great Wall of China is the world's largest military defense structure. It towers and meanders along mountain ranges, constructed more than 2,000 years ago. It was made more brilliant by the numerous wars, power struggles, successive dynasties, political and economic historical events influencing imperial China for over 2,000 years. The everlasting value of the Great Wall comes from the architecture, with its components of the wall, gates, towns, garrisons, and signal towers, along with their artistic elements. It also derives fame from the countless classical works of poetry, folk literature, theater and storytelling written about it by rulers, soldiers, literati and famous poets. This book is among the most systematic and comprehensive works on the Great Wall. It conveys to the reader content in language that is clear and straightforward. It traces the history of the Great Wall's origin, including the initial Period of construction for multiple defensive walls, the era of overall transformation, the Period of the partial expansion and the Period of overall maintenance. The readers will obtain a clear and comprehensive view of the overall picture of the Great Wall and its history from this book. Published by SCPG Publishing Corporation and distributed by World Scientific for all markets except China The Great Wall: The Art of the Film Titan Books (US, CA) The Great Wall: The Art of the Film Chronicles the making of this landmark East-meets-West production, accompanied by insight and interviews with key cast and crew, including a foreword by the director. This official companion book takes an in-depth look at the artwork and design of this extraordinary film. It explores the intricate inner workings of the wall and its arsenal of weaponry, designs of The Nameless Order's livery, blueprints of key locations and vivid concept art of the terrifying monsters created for the movie in lush detail. Packed with fascinating storyboards, sketches, final film frames and behind-the-scenes shots from the set, The Great Wall: The Art of the Film is a stunning celebration of an epic movie that no fan should miss. © 2016 LEGENDARY. ALL RIGHTS RESERVED. Great Wall of China Beijing & Northern China Bradt Travel Guides A guidebook to sections of the Great Wall of China, northern China, and Beijing includes historical and cultural details, practical travel advice, and recommendations for accommodations, restaurants, and attractions. The Great Wall of China London: J. Murray The Great Great Wall Along the Borders of History from China to Mexico Abrams "Timely and highly readable . . . provides a valuable backdrop to Donald Trump's insistence on a barrier across America's southern border." —Robert Dallek, presidential historian During his campaign for the presidency, one of Donald Trump's signature promises was that he would build a "great great wall" on the border between the US and Mexico, and Mexico was going to pay for it. Now, with only a few prototype segments erected, the wall is the 2,000-mile, multibillion-dollar elephant in the room of contemporary American life. In The Great Great Wall, architectural historian and critic lan Volner takes a fascinating look at the barriers that we have built over millennia. Traveling far afield, to China, the Middle East, Europe, and along the U.S. Mexico border, Volner examines famous, contentious, and illuminating structures, and explores key questions: Why do we build walls? What happens after they go up? With special attention to Trump's wall and the walls that exist along the US border already, this is an absorbing, smart, and timely book on an incredibly contentious and newsworthy topic. "A work of literary alchemy that transmutes the wall, a simple architectural structure, and of late, political metaphor, into a prism through which to view the panorama of human history . . . this book will amaze, delight, and enchant even the most jaded nonfiction aficionado." —William J. Bernstein, award-winning author of The Delusions of Crowds "A global journey to some of history's most significant walls—China, Berlin, and even Jericho—weaving together a fascinating account of their foundational myths and current realities." —Carrie Gibson, author of El Norte The Great Wall Random House The Great Wall is the most famous of China's monuments. Everyone has seen pictures of the line of stone snaking over mountains. Millions every year take the five-mile journey from Beijing to climb its battlements. But what do we really know about the Great Wall? Many myths surround the wall. You Wouldn't Want to Work on the Great Wall of China! The Salariya Book Company You're a hardworking farmer trying to support your family. But you disobey the Emperor's orders and soon you're marching through deserts on your way to work on the Great Wall of China! This title in the best-selling children's history series, You Wouldn't Want To..., features full-colour illustrations which combine humour and accurate technical detail and a narrative approach placing readers at the centre of the history, encouraging them to become emotionally-involved with the characters and aiding their understanding of what life would have been like working on the Great Wall of China. Informative captions, a complete glossary and an index make this title an ideal introduction to the conventions of information books for young readers. It is an ideal text for Key Stage 2 shared and guided reading and helps achieve the goals of the Scottish Standard Curriculum 5-14. Alone on the Great Wall Fulcrum Pub Lindesay ran alone for more than 1,500 miles to conquer an ancient symbol of xenophobia-the Great Wall of China. This trip diary portrays his affinity for the Chinese people. China's Great Wall of Debt Shadow Banks, Ghost Cities, Massive Loans and the End of the Chinese Miracle Hachette UK 'One of the clearest and most thorough statements of an argument often made about the country: that its government has relied on constant stimulus to keep growth strong, an addiction that is bound to backfire. Second, he comes closer than any previous writer to covering the Chinese economy as Michael Lewis, the hugely popular author of The Big Short, might do. His analysis is informed but accessible, animated by anecdotes and characters, some colourful, some verging on tragic . . . McMahon is among the most compelling of the many analysts who conclude that China's economic miracle will end painfully' The Economist The world has long considered China a juggernaut of economic strength, but since the global financial crisis, the country's economy has ballooned in size, complexity, and risk. Once dominated by four state-owned banks, the nation's financial system is a tangle of shadow banking entities, informal financial institutions, and complex corporate funding arrangements that threaten growth, stability, and reform efforts. The country has accumulated so much debt so quickly that economic ruin seem minor, and could undermine China's ascent as a superpower. Earlier this year, President Xi Jinping issued an urgent call for reform that gives the country until 2020 to transform its economy - a vaguely-defined objective that most economists agree is unrealistic. Whether or not China will be responsible for the next global recession, as some experts forecast, the fate of its economy will have far-reaching consequences for the rest of the world. Yet the inner workings of China's financial system are still very much a mystery to most outsiders. Now more than ever, as the country's slowing economy is being felt around the globe, it is essential to understand how China allowed its economy to become so mired in debt. China's Great Wall of Debt is a penetrating examination of the country's opaque financial system and the complex factors - demographic shifts; urbanization; industrialization; a pervasive over-reliance on debt-fueled investments - that have brought the country to the brink of crisis. Anchored by stories of China's cities and its people; from factory workers and displaced farmers to government officials and entrepreneurs, the narrative will take readers inside the country's ghost cities, zombie companies, start-ups, and regulatory institutions as McMahon explains how things got so bad, why fixing the problems is so hard, and what the economic outlook means for China and for the rest of us. Who Built The Great Wall of China? Ancient China Books for Kids | Children's Ancient History Speedy Publishing LLC You can see the Great Wall of China? from outer space - that's how big it is! In this ancient history book, you're going to learn the why's and the how's behind the building of the Great Wall. You'll be reading some pretty interesting tales laced with lots of historical facts. Make learning a habit. Buy a copy now! The Great Wall From Beginning to End Sterling Publishing Company, Inc. A lavishly illustrated, pictorial odyssey that spans more than four thousand miles traverses the Great Wall of China, from beginning to end, and describes the history of the monument and its construction, as well as the landscapes, scenic wonders, and regions it covers. The Great Wall Of China Simon and Schuster A brief history of the Great Wall of China, begun about 2,200 years ago to keep out Mongol invaders. You Wouldn't Want to Work on the Great Wall of China! Franklin Watts This best-selling series engages readers of all levels by making them part of the story. Readers will become the main character and can revel in the gory and dark sides of life throughout important moments in history. The Great Wall of Vagina Female genitalia have long been a source of fascination, recently of celebration but generally of confusion. Step in British artist Jamie McCartney who has created a monumental wall sculpture from plastic casts of 400 women vulvas. Their privates have gone public and in this book over a quarter of them tell you why... The Great Wall Through Time A 2,700-Year Journey Along the World's Greatest Wall Dorling Kindersley Ltd Embark on an unforgettable time-travelling journey along one of the world's greatest landmarks: the Great Wall and the individuals that helped build it. What started out as a frontier defence against northern tribesmen has, over time, become one of the seven great wonders of the world. Exquisite panoramic illustrations and engaging text bring to life key periods and turning points in the Great Wall's history - from the first defensive forts built in 656 BCE to its painstaking present-day restoration. Cutaway views reveal the interiors of important buildings, and pull-out details introduce fascinating facts and key characters. Children will also love searching for the adventurous time-travelling fox who appears in each of the artworks. Perfect for parents and children to pore over together, The Great Wall Through Time makes a gorgeous gift or collector's item. Fun, interactive, and packed with details, it vividly presents Chinese history to children as they have never seen it before. First Pass Under Heaven A 4,000kilometre Walk Along the Great Wall of China Penguin Global The Great Wall of China is the largest man-made structure ever built, stretching for over 4,000 kilometres from central Asia, across the Gobi Desert, through the remote, cold mountains of northern China to end on the shores of the Pacific Ocean. Nathan Gray, a young New Zealand lawyer, wanted to be the first person in history to walk the entire length of the Great Wall. In October 2000 he set off with four fellow travellers - a Buddhist monk from Singapore, a Jewish photojournalist from Argentina, a Catholic recording artist from Italy and a Mormon golfer. Conceived as an idealistic trek to mark the millennium in cultural, racial and religious harmony, one month in reality bit. Blizzards, lightning strikes, thirst, starvation, snakes and police detention all took their toll. After 3,000 kilometres, having witnessed the fatal stabbing of a Chinese friend and being chased at gunpoint by soldiers, Nathan succumbed to physical and mental fatigue and returned to New Zealand. Unable to accept defeat, he returned three months later to complete the challenge; the final 1,000 kilometres. The Great Wall Revisited From the Jade Gate to **Old Dragon's Head** Harvard University Press Presents seventy-two then-and-now comparisons from the author-photographer's three-vear journey across Northern China to search for the settings where the Great Wall could be examined in the past and present, and brings together evewitness accounts of cha **The Great Wall of China** Abbeville Press Stunning photographic images from two distinguished photographers capture the engineering accomplishment of the 1,500-mile Great Wall of China as it stretches from the shores of the Pacific Ocean to the Gobi Desert, accompanied by an informative text that traces the history of the wall. The Great Wall of China Penguin Hardcover In May 2005 Penguin will publish 70 unique titles to celebrate the company's 70th birthday. The titles in the Pocket Penguins series are emblematic of the renowned breadth of guality of the Penguin list and will hark back to Penguin founder Allen Lane's vision of good books for all'. as among the greatest works of early twentieth-century literature. His most famous and influential work, Metamorphosis, depicting a man who wakes up to discover he has been turned into an insect, was first published by Penguin in 1961. These lucid stories and brief fables describe the cruel absurdities he believed dominate human life. Binu and the Great Wall Open Road + Grove/Atlantic "A wonderful read—with all of a fairy tale's leaps and turns and queer, vivid images" by the author of the international bestseller Raise the Red Lantern (The Observer). In Peach village, crying was forbidden. But as a child, Binu never learned to hide her tears. Shunned by the villagers, she faced a bleak future until she met Qiliang, an orphan who offered her his hand in marriage. Then, one day, Qiliang disappears. Binu learns that he has been transported hundreds of miles and forced to labor on a project of terrifying ambition and scale—the building of the Great Wall of China. Unwilling to live a life without him, Binu courageously decides to find and save her husband. Inspired by her love, she sets out on an extraordinary journey toward Great Swallow Mountain with only a blind frog for company. What follows is an adventure unlike any she could have ever imagined, in this "gripping, insightful . . . tragic tale of female strength and ultimately, love" (Time Out). The Great Wall of Confinement The Chinese Prison Camp Through Contemporary Fiction and Reportage Univ of California Press "China is so big and so diverse that, as in the proverbial blind man touching an elephant, contemporary descriptions that vary dramatically can all be true. Few visitors to glittering Shanghai of Shenzhen, for example, will get any impression of the gaping gray maw of the government's prison camp system that Philip Williams and Yenna Wu, basing themselves on a vast range of Chinese sources, illuminate in erudite detail. The authors look at every facet of the camps, place them within China's historical tradition, and compare them with modern analogues. Throughout, literary and autobiographical sources give the 'feel' for the deadening world of the camps."—Perry Link, author of The Uses of Literature: Life in the Socialist Chinese Literary System "The Great Wall of Confinement deals with issues ranging from the legal grounding—or the lack of any—of the Chinese concentration camp system, to its technical implementation, its discursive manifestation, and its physical as well as psychological impact. A book like this is long overdue. With this work, Williams and Wu have made an important contribution to the fields of Chinese legal and literary studies."—David Der-wei Wang, author of The Monster That Is History "The Great Wall of Confinement is an excellent book. It synthesizes an already significant corpus of writings on Chinese prisons and labor camps, marshals an array of literary sources as essential historical source materials, and compares the literature of Chinese incarceration with its Soviet and European counterparts. The value of this important study stems equally from its tone—a rare combination of a level-headed quality with a very fine sensitivity to the human tragedy recounted in this literature."—Jean-Luc Domenach, author of Où va la Chine? (Where does China Go?) "The Great Wall of Confinement has attempted to lift part of the veil on China's long lasting tragedy: the use of imprisonment, torture, forced labor against its citizens, whether criminals, feeble minded or simply political opponents. The angle is new: the question is to find out how Chinese have written on this subject, whether in fiction or reportage, the way they went about telling their stories, how much they said, or withheld. Through Philip Willams and Yenna Wu's thought-provoking analysis of such writings, of the cultural origins of forced labor and imprisonment in imperial and Communist China, one comes closer to this sinister reality, which remains to this day one of the best kept secrets of our planet."—Marie Holzman, President of the Association Solidarité Chine The Great Wall of Lucy Wu Scholastic Inc. Lucy Wu, aspiring basketball star and interior designer, is on the verge of having the best year of her life. She's ready to rule the school basketball team, and take over the bedroom she has always shared with her sister. In an instant, though, her plans are shattered when she finds out that Yi Po, her beloved grandmother's sister, is coming to visit for several months -- and is staying in Lucy's vision of a perfect year begins to crumble, and in its place come an unwelcome roommate, foiled birthday plans, a bully who tries to scare Lucy off the basketball team, and Chinese school with the annoying know-it-all Talent Chang. Lucy's year is ruined -- or is it? A wonderfully funny, warm, and heartfelt tale about the ways life often reveals silver linings in the most unexpected of clouds. Great Walls of Discourse and Other Adventures in Cultural China BRILL "China" and "the West," "us" and "them," the "subject" and the "non-subject" and the "non-subject" and the and outside China, with a pervasive, ready-made set of definitions immune to empirical disproof. But what does this language of essential difference accomplish? The essays in this book are an attempt to cut short the recitation of differences and to answer this question. In six interpretive studies of China, the author examines the ways in which the networks of assumption and consensus that make communication possible within a discipline affect collective thinking about the object of study. Among other subjects, these essays offer a historical and his postmodernism in China, and the role of China as an imaginary model for postmodernity in the West. Against the reigning simplifications, these essays seek to restore the interpretation of China to the complexity and impurity of the historical situations in which it is always caught. The chief goal of the essays in this book is not to expose errors in interpreting China but to use these misunderstandings as a basis for devising better methodologies for comparative studies. The Great Wall Mikaya Press Examines the building of the Great Wall of China and the thousands of years of conflict that preceded it. The Great Wall of Money Power and Politics in China's International Monetary Relations Cornell University Press As an economic superpower, China has become an increasingly important player in the international monetary system. Its foreign exchange reserves are the largest in the world and its exchange rate policy has become a major subject of international economic diplomacy. The international policy circles: What kinds of power is China acquiring in international monetary relations? What are the priorities of the Chinese government? What explains its preferences? In The Great Wall of Money, a distinguished group of contributors addresses these questions from distinct perspectives, revealing the extent to which China's choices, and global monetary affairs, will be shaped by internal political factors and affect world politics. The RMB is a likely competitor for the dollar in the next couple of decades; its emergence as an important international currency would have substantial effects on the balance of power between the United States and China. By illuminating the politics of China's international monetary relations, this book provides a timely account of the global economy, the role of the renminbi in international relations, and the trajectory of China's continuing ascendency in the coming decades. A History of the Great Wall of China's continuing ascendency in the role of the renminbi in international relations, and the trajectory of China's continuing ascendency in the coming decades. largest military defense structure. It towers and meanders along mountain ranges, constructed more than 2,000 years ago. It was made more brilliant by the numerous wars, power struggles, successive dynasties, political and economic historical events influencing imperial China for over 2,000 years. The everlasting value of the Great Wall comes from the architecture, with its components of the wall, gates, towns, garrisons, and signal towers, along with their artistic elements. It also derives fame from the countless classical works of poetry, folk literature, theater and storytelling written about it by rulers, soldiers, literati and famous poets. This book is among the most systematic and comprehensive works on the Great Wall. It conveys to the reader content in language that is clear and straightforward. It traces the history of the Great Wall's origin, including the initial Period of construction for multiple defensive walls, the era of overall transformation, the Period of the partial expansion and the Period of overall maintenance. The readers will obtain a clear and comprehensive view of the overall picture of the Great Wall and its history from this book. Published by SCPG Publishing Corporation and distributed by World Scientific for all markets except China Yi Min's Great Wall A Materials Engineering Story Yi Min, a young girl living outside of Beijing, China, has a problem. A hungry bunny has started munching on the plants in her classroom garden. A trip to the Great Wall of China inspires Yi Min to enlist the help of her friend Chen in building a Great Wall of their very own. Grandfather, a former materials he developed in his work. Yi Min begins to explore the properties of earth materials, and she realizes that not all materials are created equal when it comes to building a wall. Together, Yi Min and Chen design and build a bunny-proof solution for the school garden. Where Is the Great Wall? Penguin More than two thousand years ago, with his land under constant attack from nomads, the First Emperor of China came up with a simple solution: build a wall to keep out enemies. It was a wall that kept growing and growing. But its construction came at a huge cost: it is believed that more than a million Chinese died building it, earning the wall its nickname--the longest cemetery on earth. Through the story of the wall, Patricia Brennan Demuth is able to tell the story of China itself, the rise and fall of dynasties, the greatness of its culture, and its present-day status as a Communist world power, The Great Wall from Legendary, Universal Pictures, China Film Co., Ltd and Le Vision Pictures, directed by Zhang Yimou (Hero, House of Flying Daggers) and starring Matt Damon, Pedro Pascal and Willem Dafoe. The Great Wall: Last Survivor is written by Arvid Nelson (Rex Mundi) with art by Gian Fernando (13 Legends). What if an army was created to defend our world from an enemy so dangerous, its very existence must be kept a secret? Built to keep out the ferocious Tao Tei, The Great Wall is the most powerful defensive structure ever built; but it is the heroes within that make the wall great: The Nameless Order. Set sixty years prior to the film, in the mysterious lands of ancient China, tragedy forces young Bao into joining The Nameless Order and upholding the corps' four principles: Discipline, Loyalty, Secrecy, and Sacrifice. Challenged by rivals, haunted by his past, and tested by desires, Bao spends his life preparing for one singular moment; when he will have to defend the world from ferocious monsters that have come to devour us all. The Great Wall China Against the World: 1000 BC-AD 2000 Legendarily, 2200 years old and 4300 miles long, the Great Wall of China seems to make an overwhelmingly confident physical statement about China's age-old sense of itself as an advanced civilization anxious to draw a line between itself and the wall's intimidating exterior - and the myths that have built up around it - lies a complex history of China's view of the outside world, and itself. In this book, Julia Lovell explores the conquests and cataclysms of the Chinase empire over the past 3000 years with wonderful style. The Great Wall of China Lund Humphries Pub Limited "Published in conjunction with The Great Wall of China: dragon, dynasties, and warriors exhibition, Powerhouse Museum 28 Sept. 2006 - 25 Feb. 2007, Melbourne Museum 23 Mar. - 22 July 2007"--T.p. verso. The Great Wall of Lucy Wu finds her ambitions shattered by the unwelcome arrival of her great aunt from China, foiled birthday plans and her reluctant enrollment in a Chinese school. A first novel. Great Wall in 50 Objects Penguin Group Australia The culmination of a lifetime's field work and research, William Lindesay selects fifty artefacts from around the world to tell the story of the Great Wall from the second century BC to the late-twentieth century. Abraham Ortelius' pioneering world atlas, the unexpected origins of 'wolf smoke', the proliferation of the blunderbuss in the fifteenth century Great Wall theatre of war, even Kafka's classic short story 'At the Building of the Great Wall' are some of the unique objects that were shaped by China's most famous national landmark. Enhanced by stories of their modern-day keepers, The Great Wall in 50 Objects is a personal and historical exploration of a world wonder. 'William Lindesay has a knack for approaching the iconic Great Wall of China in ways that are creative, idiosyncratic, and deeply personal . . . He has succeeded again with The Great Wall in 50 Objects.' Peter Hessler, author of River Town and Oracle Bones 'William Lindesay shows us the Wall in a completely new light by looking at the smaller objects that make up its history . . . Through these objects we feel the Great Wall transform from architecture of China.' Jack Weatherford, author of Genghis Khan and the Making of the Modern World 'For years, Lindesay has hiked and studied the Great Wall with exceptional passion. To him, it seems, the Great Wall is not a mere structure, a political icon, or a cultural curiosity, but a treasure trove of stories.' Jaime FlorCruz, former Beijing bureau chief of Time magazine and CNN 'If you are going to China, and intend to see the Great Wall (or even if, unwisely, you don't), take this book on the plane with you, and absorb as many of its intriguing nuggets of Wall-lore and China-lore as you can - it will make your visit infinitely richer.' Prof. Christopher Cullen, Emeritus Director, Needham Research Institute, Cambridge 'William' Lindesay lives and breathes Great Wall history and he exudes it with an engaging passion.' Mike Loades, author of Swords and Swordsmen 'Lindesay presents a coherent and highly informative account of the geography, history, and material culture of China's Great Wall. His compelling and well-written

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account is rich in profound and often quite unexpected insights.' Lothar von Falkenhausen, Professor of Chinese Archaeology and Art History, UCLA The Great Wall of New York by Kevin Bartelme is a contemporary comedy of manners. This fast paced drama, set in New York City today, is a fictional look at the wild side of the haute monde at its most ravenous. Prepare for a wildly comic, high-speed ride down the slippery slope of wealth and power in New York City. With the daily rash of exposures of unrepentant indictees, the motley cast of characters in this novel offers a funhouse mirror to current events and, come election season, people are going to need a good laugh. The Great Wall of China The History of China The History of China's Most Famous Landmark *Includes pictures of the Great Wall of China and important people. *Includes ancient accounts and descriptions of the construction of the Great Wall of China. *Includes footnotes and a bibliography for further reading. *Includes a table of contents. "This territory is occupied by wandering tribes of heathen, who eat such people as they can catch, and for this reason no one enters their country or attempts to travel there. I saw nobody in this city who had been to the Great Wall, or who knew anybody who had been there." - Ibn Batuta, Moroccan explorer, c. 1345 The Great Wall of China is perhaps the wonder of the world that has most captured the human imagination, and as the quotes about it indicate, the wall has acquired special significance even outside of China. The places and ways in which it has taken hold vary greatly, but one thing is certain: the Great Wall of China is as amazing as it is mysterious, and it's as mundane as it is magical. Naturally, the Wall has become the most recognizable symbol of China, used for both aggrandizement and criticism. Nationalists see it as a symbol of China's peaceful nature, engineering capability, and historic longevity, while detractors see the Wall as the embodiment of China's backwardness, closed-mindedness, and hubris. While history allots arguments for the claims of each side, both of them are colored by Great Wall mythology and current geopolitical concerns. Though the wall can symbolize all of these things about China, it is important to remember that the many long walls. upon some of which the current landmark was constructed, were put up by specific people for specific purposes. The first step to a more accurate conception of the Wall is getting a better understanding of its name, because "The Great Wall of China" is a misleading label. More accurately, it may be called the "Great Walls of China," for several dynasties beginning early in Chinese history built fortifications of some kind, usually to the north. These constructions were alternately expanded, connected, dismantled, or neglected, depending on the circumstances and preferences of those in charge. In fact, the Chinese name wan li chang cheng gets closer to capturing the true nature of the wall(s). The name literally means 10,000-1/2 kilometers-long-wall, because 10,000 in Chinese is often shorthand for "many." The walls, measured separately and added up, actually span over 21,000 kilometers (13,000 miles), according to a 2007 government survey, a figure that includes all the known walls from all the dynasties without regard to current condition (even walls that have not stood for centuries were included). What this number explains more than anything is that the story of the Great Wall is very complex and closely tied to the whole of Chinese history, so parsing fact from fiction and rumor is tricky. The Great Wall like never before, in no time at all. Chinese Adventure - A Ride Along the Great Wall Long Riders Guild Press Explorer Robin Hanbury-Tenison rode along the Great Wall of China with his wife. In the course of their journey they saw a China and its people that few foreigners have ever seen. From Wall Street to the Great Wall: How Investors Can Profit from China's Booming Economy W. W. Norton & Company A guide for everyday investors offers authoritative counsel on how to profit from China's rapidly growing economy, in a reference that covers both Chinese industries as well as multinational interests from the United States and other countries in a variety of markets. Reprint. 20,000 first printing. The Great Wall A Cultural History Harvard University Press Through an examination of allusions to the Wall in an eclectic array of textsùranging from official dynastic histories, elite poetry, and popular folktales to contemporary tourist testimonials, children's songs, and avant-garde performance artùthis study maps out a provocative new framework for understanding the structure's function and significance. --