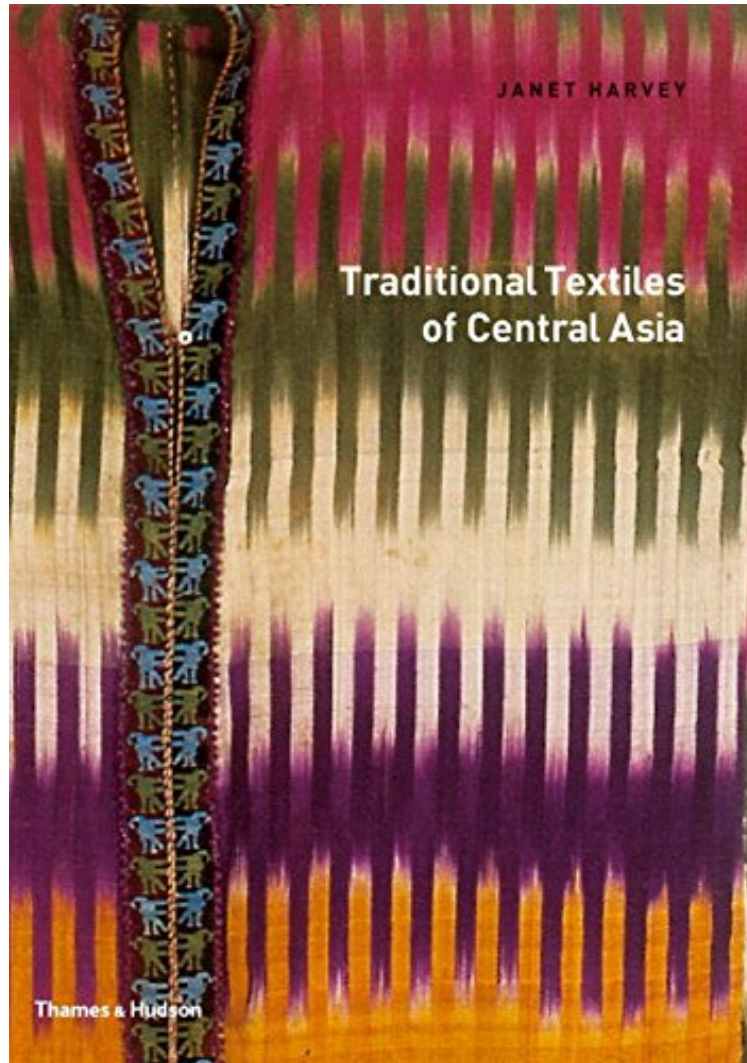


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copy of this book. However, I have only 2 problems with it. First, it seems to be written for those who already have knowledge of the technical aspects of weaving and not for the layperson. I would have liked to have read much more about the history and culture which the book only touched on very briefly. Second, a lot of focus (both in picture text) was placed on the tribal and not enough on the urban. I would have liked to have seen more of a balance. All in all though a beautiful book- - lovingly and diligently researched and prepared. The author should be applauded for her work in this dying and forgotten art. 2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. Awesome book!! By Katie Arave It's full of color blk/white photos. There's a chapter dedicated to each country, with a concise history of their textiles styles of textile arts.

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From Library Journal Both of these works exemplify the craftsmanship of highly skilled weavers in Central Asia and provide insight into the lives and culture of various ethnic groups. The "Introduction and Survey" section of Turkoman, an English translation of Jourdan's renowned German work, gives a brief yet detailed overview of the background and characteristics of nomadic Turkoman tribal weaving, including the techniques, influences, and symbolic and ritualistic meaning of various designs. There is also a brief section on collecting Turkoman rugs and pricing trends. The major portion of this work is a catalog of different regional types of pile weaving. Each rug, illustrated by color photograph in full view, is given a brief description and a literature citation stemming from the bibliography. While geared to specialists in the field, this work could help lay readers develop an appreciation of the Turkoman tradition of weaving. Collector and dealer Harvey focuses on a broader aspect of nomadic weaving, that of fabrics and applied decorative works. The four chapters of this colorful volume highlight not only the historical or traditional materials and designs in weavings but also more contemporary aspects of clothing. The opening chapter describes the history of the region and that of the various trade routes between Europe and China. The second chapter focuses on various types of materials and traditional dye sources and dyeing. The third chapter highlights the diversity of weaving, from covers and hangings to knitted and crocheted works. The last chapter is devoted to the various ways traditional fabrics can be enhanced through embroidery, block-printing, and fabric painting. Both works should be popular among textile enthusiasts and should be purchased for collections specializing in decorative arts. Stephen Allan Patrick, East Tennessee State Univ. Lib., Johnson City Copyright 1996 Reed Business Information, Inc. From the Back Cover No region has a textile tradition more vivid and romantic than that of Central Asia. This book provides a spectacularly illustrated survey of these textiles, displaying in more than 200 color plates the opulent silks and velvets, the exquisite embroideries, the magnificent felts and woolen fabrics produced in the workshops of the oasis towns of the Silk Route. About the Author Janet Harvey has traveled extensively in Central Asia, studying firsthand the making and uses of the region's traditional textiles. She lives in Scotland.