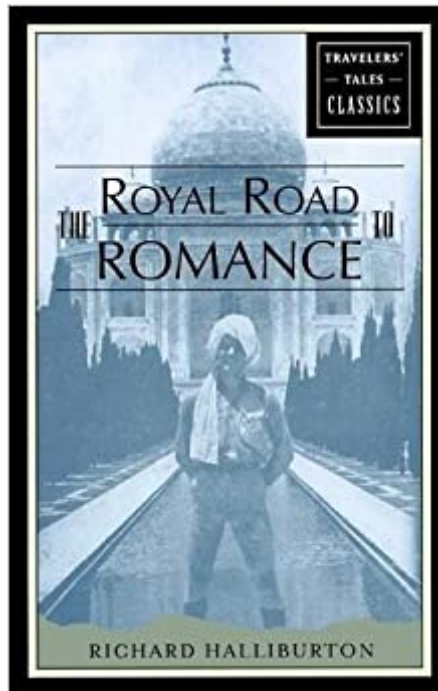




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# The Royal Road To Romance (Travelers' Tales Classics)



## Synopsis

When Richard Halliburton graduated from college, he chose adventure over a career, traveling the world with almost no money. The Royal Road to Romance chronicles what happened as a result, from a breakthrough Matterhorn ascent to being jailed for taking forbidden pictures on Gibraltar.

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## Customer Reviews

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Richard Halliburton was a writer, lecturer, and world traveler. He published numerous books in his short lifetime, including The Royal Road to Romance, Glorious Adventure, and The Complete Book of Marvels. Halliburton is known for having paid the lowest toll to cross the Panama Canal, which he swam in 1928, paying 36 cents. Born in Tennessee in 1900, Halliburton died in 1939 as he and his crew attempted to sail a Chinese junk, the Sea Dragon, from Hong Kong to San Francisco as a publicity stunt. The vessel was unseaworthy and went down in a storm, apparently shortly after Halliburton sent out his last signal: "Southerly gales, squalls, lee rail under water, wet bunks, hard tack, bully beef, wish you were here-instead of me!" --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

I have all of Richard Halliburton's books, including one he signed back in the 1930's. He was an incredible writer describing an incredible time - the Golden Age of travel - when world cultures had not yet been diluted (some say polluted) by other influences. Consider the well-known story of 90% of Hawaiian islanders dying of European diseases their bodies, pristine from centuries of isolation, were not familiar with. If you want to see the world as it was a hundred years ago and read some colorful and often humorous travel writing, Halliburton books are a must. As he put it,

“Let those who wish have their respectability. I wanted freedom; freedom to indulge in whatever caprice struck my fancy, freedom to search in the farthest corners of the earth for the beautiful, the joyous and the romantic.” Since I hate to see the memory and legacy of one of my favorite writer's fading (inevitable with fame, I know), here's a good article about him -

<http://www.smithsonianmag.com/history/last-adventure-richard-halliburton-forgotten-hero-1930s-america-180950164/?no-ist>

I LOVE this book, it's one of my absolute favorites! I bought this copy for my Grandpa's Bday :) ! It is about Richard Halliburton's travels around the world, he is so detailed, and witty that you can't help but love the book and be transported to the places he traveled to! It is nonfiction but is written more in fiction form.

Richard Halliburton exudes genuine passion for adventure and it shows in his writings. He makes geography come alive as he writes of his exciting travels throughout the world via ships, railways, hiking, hitching rides on freight trucks and the like, as well as a variety of other ingenious methods. His vigor, youth and insatiable appetite for discovery make for a superb read all while educating the reader in geography with a little help from a globe or atlas. He travels from New York to Hamburg, the Matterhorn, France, Andorra, Alhambra, Gibraltar, Monte Carlo, the Nile, and on and on he goes. In this most definite living book, no ordinary, boring geography facts will be found. In fact, quite the opposite is true. Facts are wrapped in beautiful, literary language and presented as extraordinary gifts.

I wasn't too hopeful about the condition of this book when I ordered it, after all it's roughly 90 years old. However, It is still in excellent condition! My copy arrived undamaged, unmarked and without so much as a dog-eared page. I am delighted by the condition of this book. I bought a first edition

because I had already read the book, and loved it, but in case you haven't already let me assure you that this book is a must have. As a travel book it contains vivid and captivating descriptions of its many, many settings. In fact, so poetic and spirited is the writing this book reads like fiction. The author, Richard Halliburton is among the most criminally underrated authors I've ever read, and it's a real shame that he isn't more widely known in the modern world. His work is hilariously funny at times, and his descriptive prose can be ravishingly beautiful. Best of all, his humor and flair are built on an extraordinary journey. All in all, it's a must read.

This book was mentioned to me by a new friend who is 92. He read it for the first time when he was quite young and he says he was hooked on reading ever since. Even though the book was written in 1925, I still found it entertaining.

Great, great book. Still cogent, still exciting.

Excellent reading! We incorporate all of Halliburton's books in our home schooling!

Ever wanted to climb the Matterhorn? Swim in the pools of the Taj Mahal? Find the forgotten palaces of Angkor? Pirates, jungles, princesses, snakes, tigers, and native cultures obscure and forgotten - this 1920s traveler has enough adventures to amaze and delight well into the next century. As a child I found Halliburton's BOOK OF MARVELS, both the Orient and the Occident, and began my own personal quest to learn more geography and history and the adventure that goes along with it. Later, as I looked for my own copies I stumbled across this volume, and have scoured the net and bookstores for copies for friends. Absolutely delighted to see it reprinted. If ever I have the opportunity to really travel, some of Halliburton's destinations will be at the top of the list.

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