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Originally published in 1932, this classic book contains a wealth of information on caravan trade and cities. Beautifully written and supported by photographs, this book is highly recommended for inclusion on the bookshelf of anyone with an interest in the subject.