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Yongle Emperor Zhu Di and Xuande Emperor Zhu Zhanji ordered eunuch Zheng He to lead giant fleets across the seas. But soon after Zheng He's seventh and last voyage in the 1430s, the Ming emperors put an end to this activity and ordered all records of previous voyages to be destroyed. Chinese writer Luo Maodeng (罗懋登), knowing the history of some of these voyages, wished to preserve a record. Conscious of the possible penalty, he decided to record the facts "under a veil". This is what Dr. Sheng-Wei Wang argues as the basis for this book. Her conclusion supports the controversial view that Ming Chinese sailors and ships reached farther than previously accepted. She hopes this book will become an important step in bridging the gap in our understanding of ancient China-America history in the era before the Age of Discovery.

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