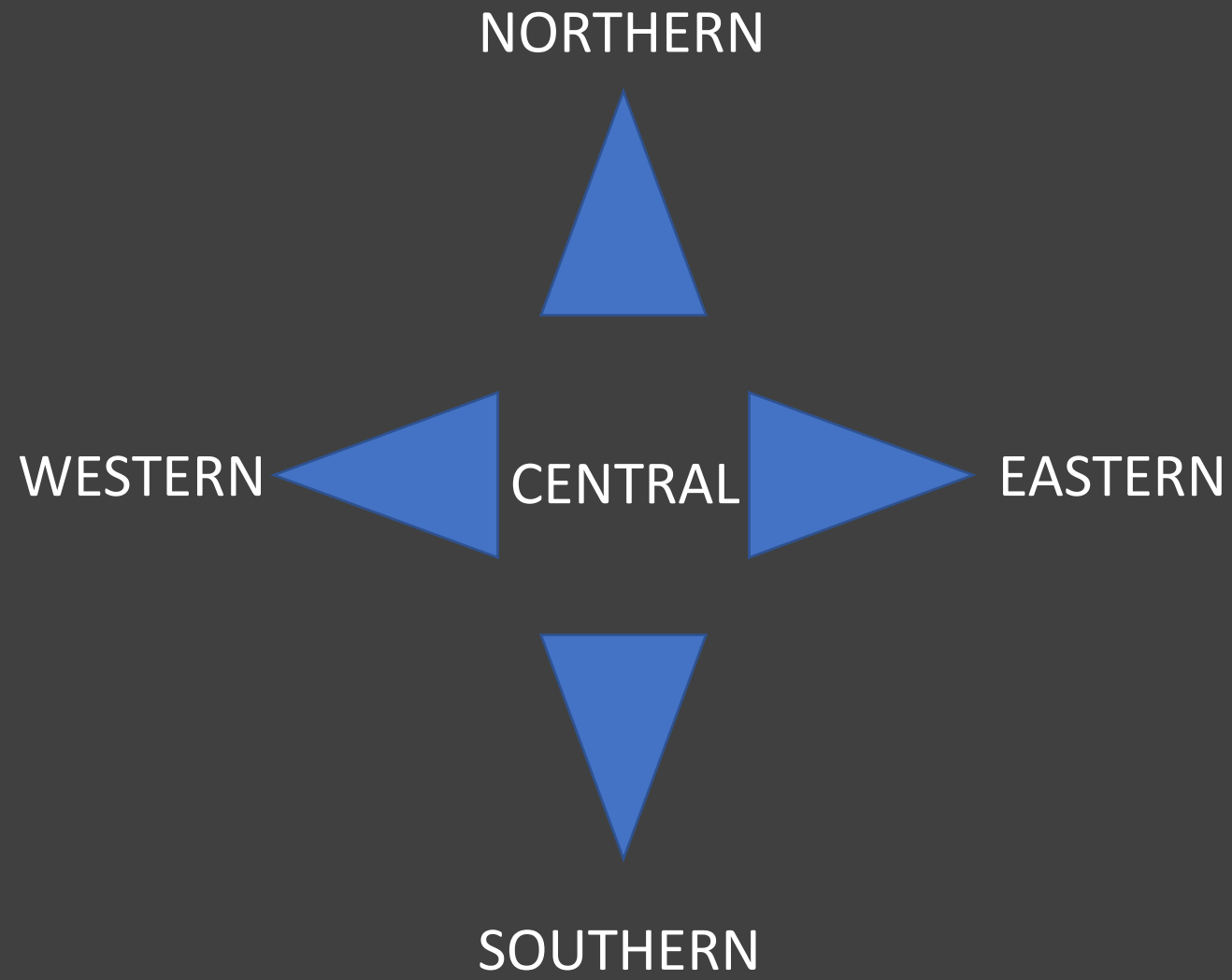


Let's talk about TRAVEL (Part 02)

How to describe a city/country
by geographical position



LANDLOCKED adj.

(of a country or region) almost or entirely surrounded by land.

MICROSTATE (noun)

a microstate or ministate is a state having a very small population or very small land area, and usually both.

Archipelago (noun)

an extensive group of islands.

It's a Mediterranean archipelago.

Nordic adj.

of or connected
with the countries
of Scandinavia,
Finland and Iceland.

Nordic countries



How to describe a city/country
in general

ANCIENT(adj.) very old

Ancient history

Ancient civilization

Ancient city

OPP: MODERN

BORING (adj.) not interesting, making you feel tired.

Boring city

Deadly dull city

SYN: DULL

QUAINT(adj.) attractive in an unusual or old-fashioned way

Oxford is a quaint English city, which is steeped in history.

BUSTLING (adj.)

full of people moving about in a busy way.

New York is a busy, bustling city. One of its nickname is «The city that never sleeps.»

BE STEEPED IN (IDM) to have a lot of particular quality

Oxford is a city steeped in history.

THRILLING (adj.) exciting and enjoyable

New York named world's most thrilling city.

COSMOPLITAN (adj.)

containing people of different types or from different countries, and influenced by their culture.

Liverpool is a cosmopolitan and culturally diverse city.

COMPACT (adj.) smaller than is usual for things of the same kind.

Durham is a fairly compact city. You don't need transport to get around.

EXPENSIVE (adj.) costing a lot of money.

Tokyo is a very expensive city to visit.

OPP: Inexpensive

VIBRANT (adj.) energetic, bright, and full of life or excitement.

New Castle is a vibrant city, with lots of things to do.

SYN: exciting

POPULAR (adj.) liked or enjoyed by a large number of people.

York is a historic British town which is very popular with tourists.

PICTURESQUE (adj.) pretty, especially in a way that looks old-fashioned.

Looe e Polperro are picturesque English seaside towns.

SYN: Quaint

POLLUTED (adj.) dirty, contaminated.

Polluted city

TOURISTY (adj.) liked or enjoyed by a large number of people.

Chester can be a bit touristy and crowded during summer.

least-visited (adj.)

Solo is one of the least-visited cities in the world.

OPP: most-visited

Off-the-beaten-path adj.

Off-the-beaten-path cities

Sleepy(adj)

(of places) quiet and where nothing much happens.

How to describe a landscape

LUSH (adj.) healthy grass and plants

DRAMATIC (adj.) impressive

unparalleled (adj.) exceptional

Unspoiled (adj.) untouched

IMPRESSIVE (adj.) admirable

WILD (adj.) uncultivated natural area

How to describe people

DIRECT (adj.) honest and open, and say exactly what they mean.

TOLERANT (adj.) who understands and accepts the different ideals and beliefs of others.

FRIENDLY (adj.) being kind, helpful

ARROGANT (adj.) who is full of self-worth or self-importance and who tells and shows that they have a feeling of superiority over others.

How to describe food/cuisine

DRAB (adj.) without interest or colour

The food is drab, and the weather is worse.

GENERIC (adj.)

CHAIN-HEAVY (adj.)

worst of all, the food is generic and chain-heavy.

RICH (adj.) fatty (-), nutritious (+)

DECADENT (adj.) Rich, luxurious, fat-filled, highly caloric

The food is rich and decadent.

QUESTIONABLE (adj.)

The food is questionable; they eat sheep heads and cured fish with lye.

UNDERRATED (adj.) not rated or valued highly enough.

It easily has the most underrated food in all of Europe.

REFINED (adj.) stylish, elegant

FLAVOURFUL (adj.) having a full, distinctive taste; full of flavour

Sample (V) to experience sth for a short time to see what it is like or to try a small amount of particular food to see what it is like.

Out of this world (IDM) (informal) used to emphasize how good or beautiful ,etc. sth is.

TOURIST TRAP (noun) (informal, disapproving)

a place that attracts a lot of tourists and where food, drink, entertainment, etc. is more expensive than normal.

Francophile (noun)

a person who is fond of or greatly admires France or the French.

Anglophile (noun)

a person who is fond of or greatly admires England or Britain.

Over tourism (noun) [U]

the situation when too many people visit a place on holiday, so that the place is spoiled and life is made difficult for the people who live there.

Venice and Barcelona are both victims of over tourism.

HISTORY-BUFF (noun) a person who is very interested in history.

There's much for history-buffs to love

STEREOTYPE (noun)

a fixed idea or image that many people have of a particular type of a person or thing, but which is often not true in reality.

Cultural stereotypes

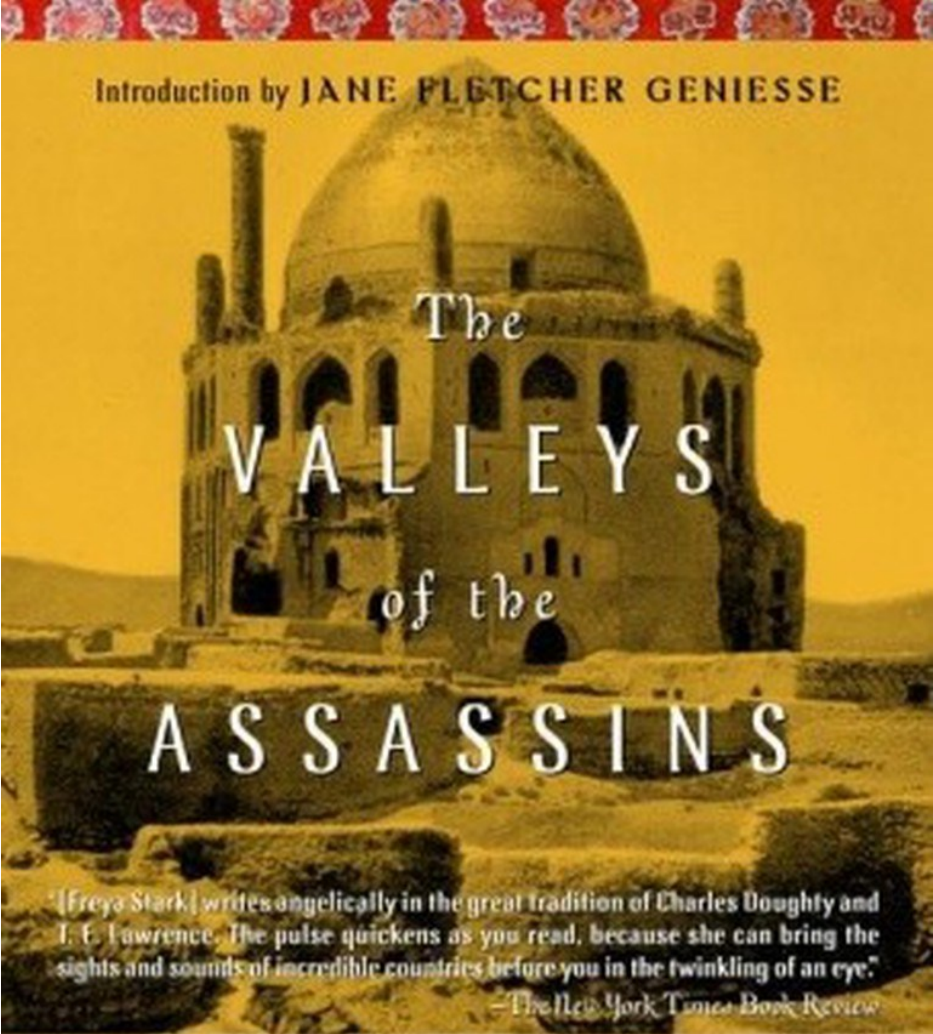
Racial stereotypes

BE INTO STH (Idiom) to like doing some activity.

I'm into discovering Iceland on foot .

6 Travel Books That Will Give You Serious Wanderlust





Introduction by JANE FLETCHER GENIESSÉ

The
VALLEYS
of the
ASSASSINS

"[Freya Stark] writes angelically in the great tradition of Charles Doughty and T. E. Lawrence. The pulse quickens as you read, because she can bring the sights and sounds of incredible countries before you in the twinkling of an eye."

—The New York Times Book Review

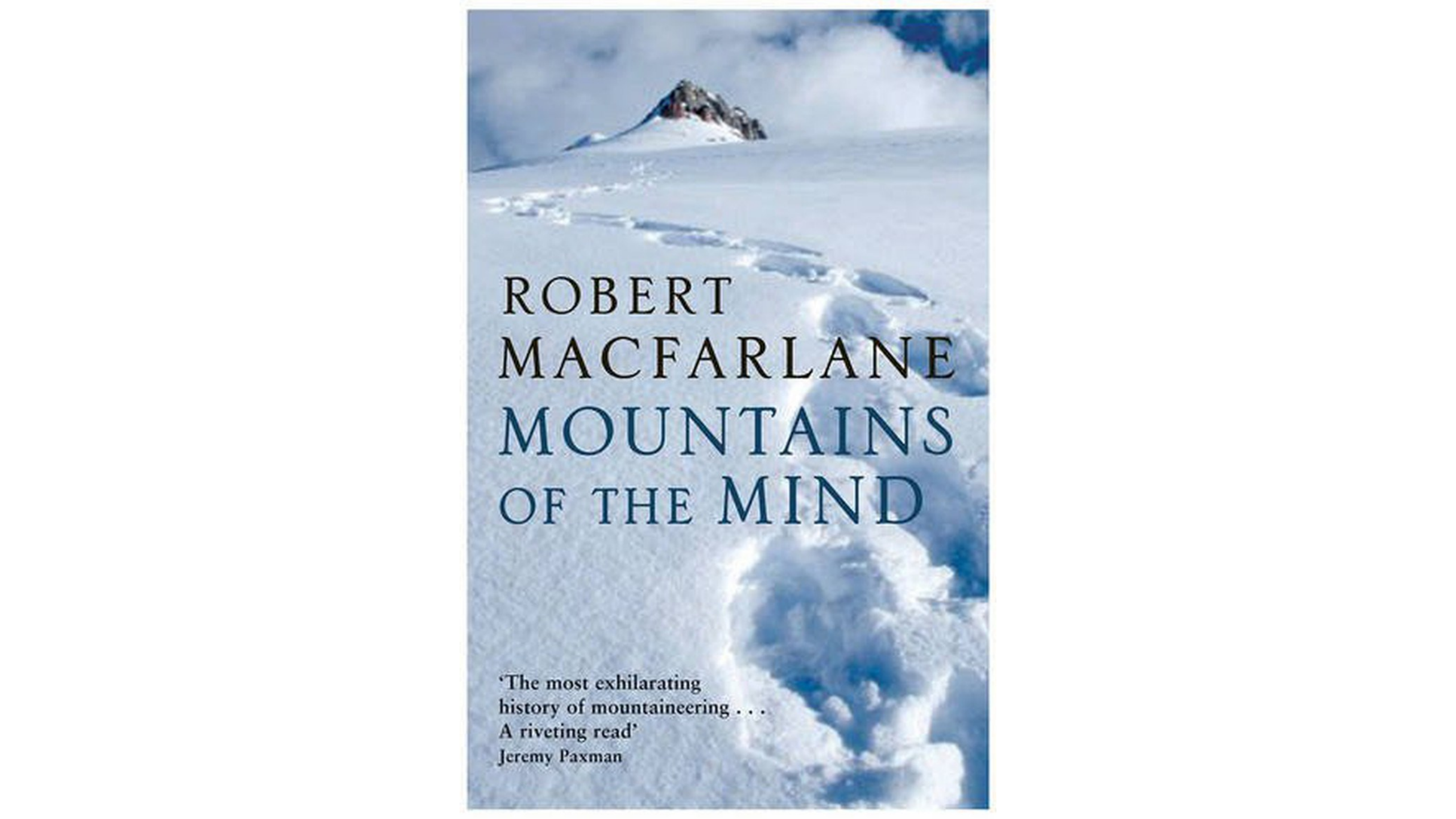
and Other Persian Travels



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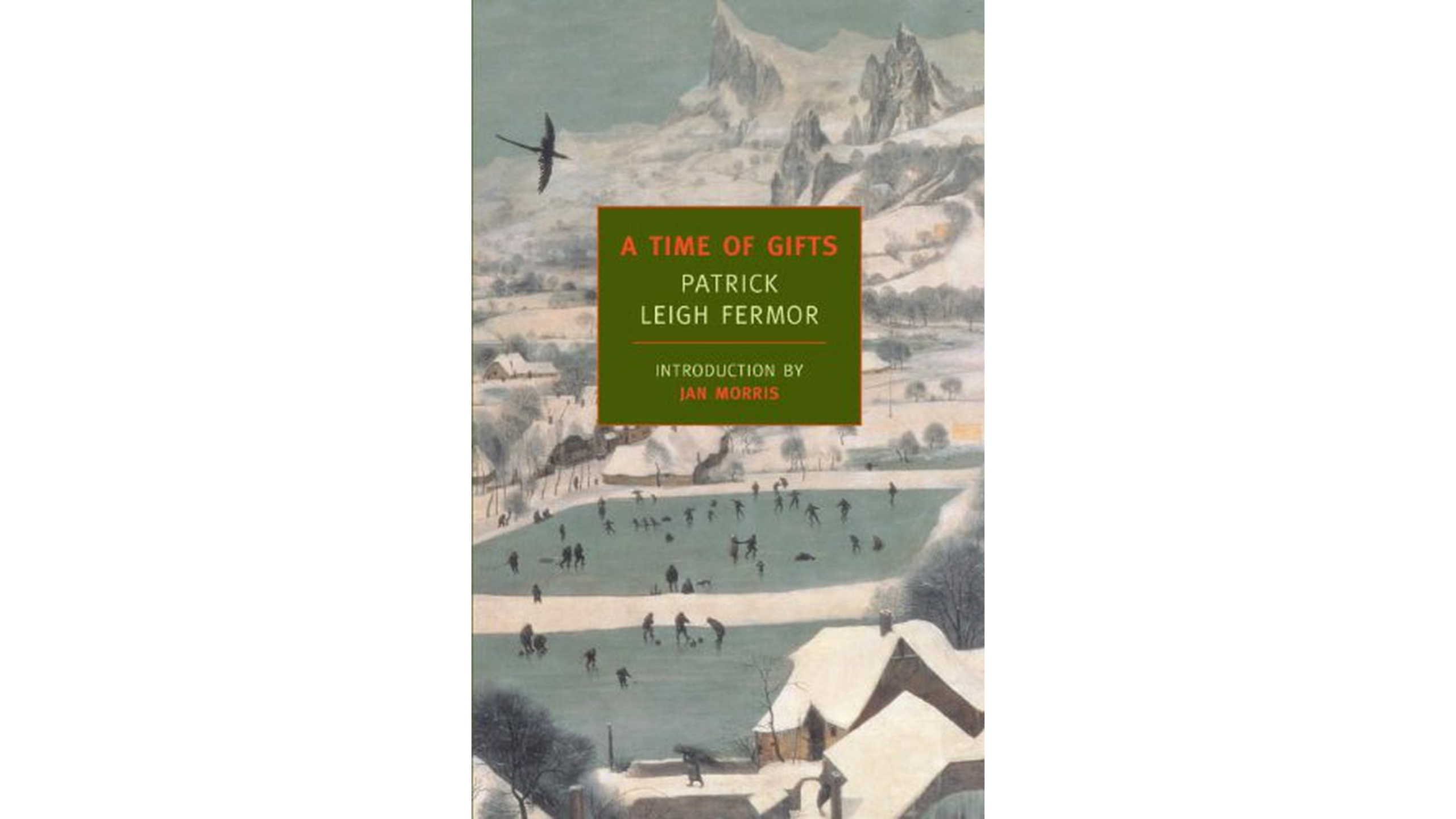
IN PURSUIT OF SPRING

EDWARD THOMAS

The background of the cover is a photograph of a snowy mountain landscape. A trail of footprints leads from the bottom right towards a rocky mountain peak in the distance. The sky is blue with some white clouds.

ROBERT
MACFARLANE
MOUNTAINS
OF THE MIND

'The most exhilarating
history of mountaineering . . .
A riveting read'
Jeremy Paxman



A TIME OF GIFTS

PATRICK
LEIGH FERMOR

INTRODUCTION BY
JAN MORRIS

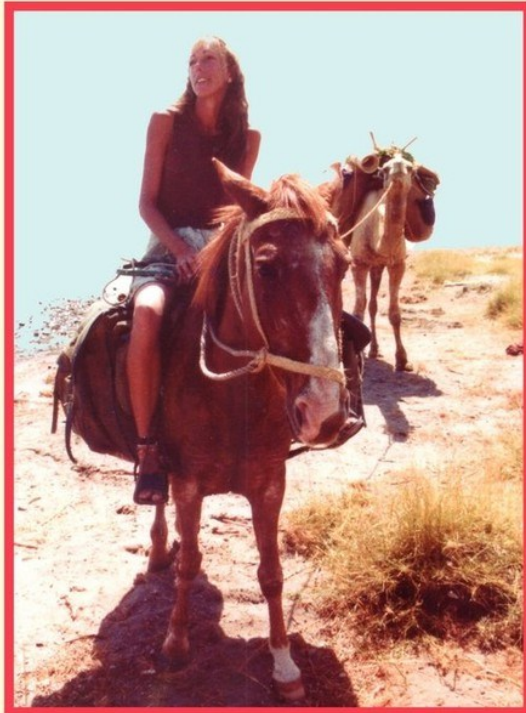
A close-up photograph of a vintage perfume bottle. The bottle is dark and cylindrical with a silver-colored cap. It is resting on a dark, textured surface. In the background, there are several white, round pills or capsules. The lighting is dramatic, highlighting the bottle's form and the texture of the surface.

VINTAGE GREENE

Journey
Without Maps

Travels with Fortune

An African Adventure
Christina Dodwell



An Equestrian Travel Classic