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Travel Literature in the
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The Swedish diplomat and Turkologist Gunnar Jarring (1907–2002) was a great collector of books and other types of printed and written material. As a scholar of Turkology he devoted most of his time and energy to Eastern Turki (Uighur) lexicography, folk literature and ethnology. In addition to this he took a keen interest in the Central Eurasian region as a whole, from not only a linguistic and literary but also an historical and political point of view. A large part of his vast library consisted of publications from the region itself as well as from other parts of the world, not least the former Soviet Union, where Gunnar Jarring was Ambassador from 1964 to 1973.

The present bibliography exposes a particularly precious part of the Gunnar Jarring Central Eurasia Collection at the Swedish Research Institute in Istanbul. All of the most renowned accounts of expeditions through Asia from the late 19th and early 20th centuries can be found here, along with a great number of less known accounts, some of which are very rare and perhaps accessible at no or just a few other libraries in the world. Together these publications provide us with an exceptionally rich material for studies of the accumulation and formation of knowledge about Central Eurasia in the colonial era up to the cold-war era.

In a digitization project conducted at the Swedish Research Institute in Istanbul, a number of rare manuscripts and books from the Gunnar Jarring Central Eurasia Collection will be made available on the Internet. We are currently in the process of carefully selecting and scanning parts of this material. Some of the publications in the present list of travel literature are accessible elsewhere. Therefore, the reader will already at this stage be able to access material on <http://archive.org/> and Digital Archive of Toyo Bunko Rare Books, <http://dsr.nii.ac.jp/toyobunko/index.html.en>. The abbreviations used in our catalogue are **AO** and **TB**.

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