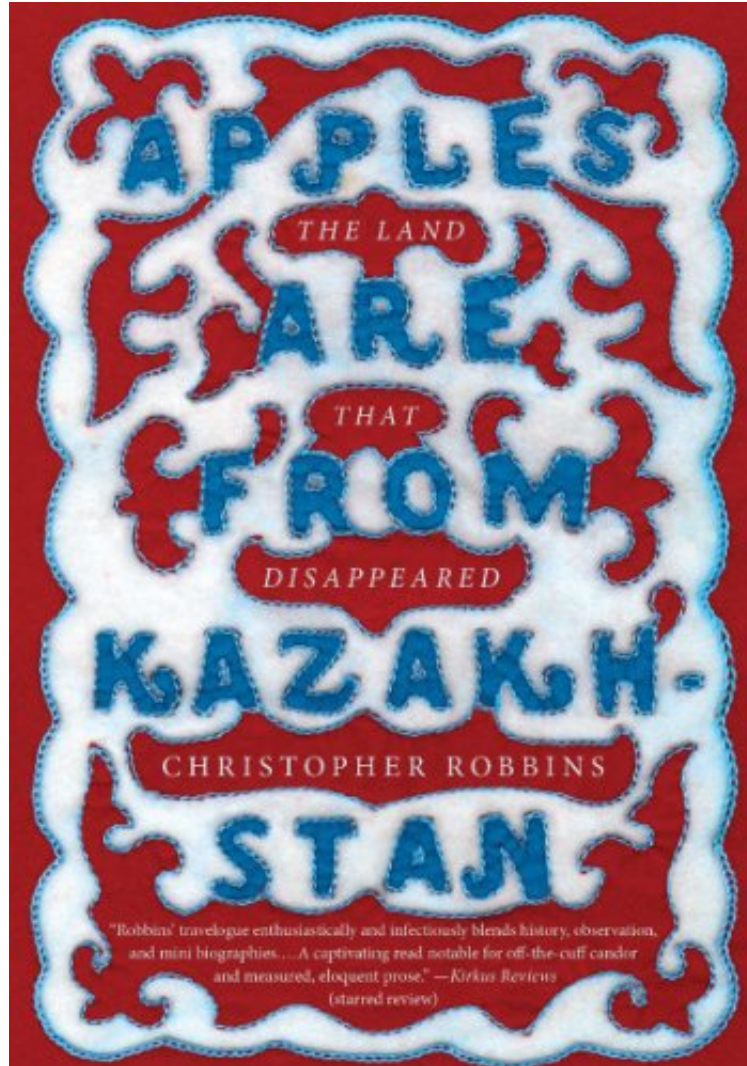


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"A captivating read notable for off-the-cuff candor and measured, eloquent prose."Kirkus Reviews, starred reviewA funny and revealing travelogue of Kazakhstan, a country rich with wild tulips, oil, nomads who hunt with golden eagles, and a disappearing landlocked sea. Closed to foreigners under Tsar and Soviet rule, Kazakhstan has remained

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