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Swiss explorer who traveled throughout Asia. Maillart went to Moscow in 1932 and trekked to eastern Turkestan, where she lived with Kirghiz and Kazakh tribes. A correspondent for *Le Petit Parisien,* Maillart covered the Japanese invasion of Manchuria. She walked through Tibet, from China to Kashmir, and published *Forbidden Journey* (1937). She later traveled to Iran and Afghanistan and then stayed in India to explore her spirituality. She entered Nepal when its borders were opened, writing *The Land of the Sherpas* (1955).