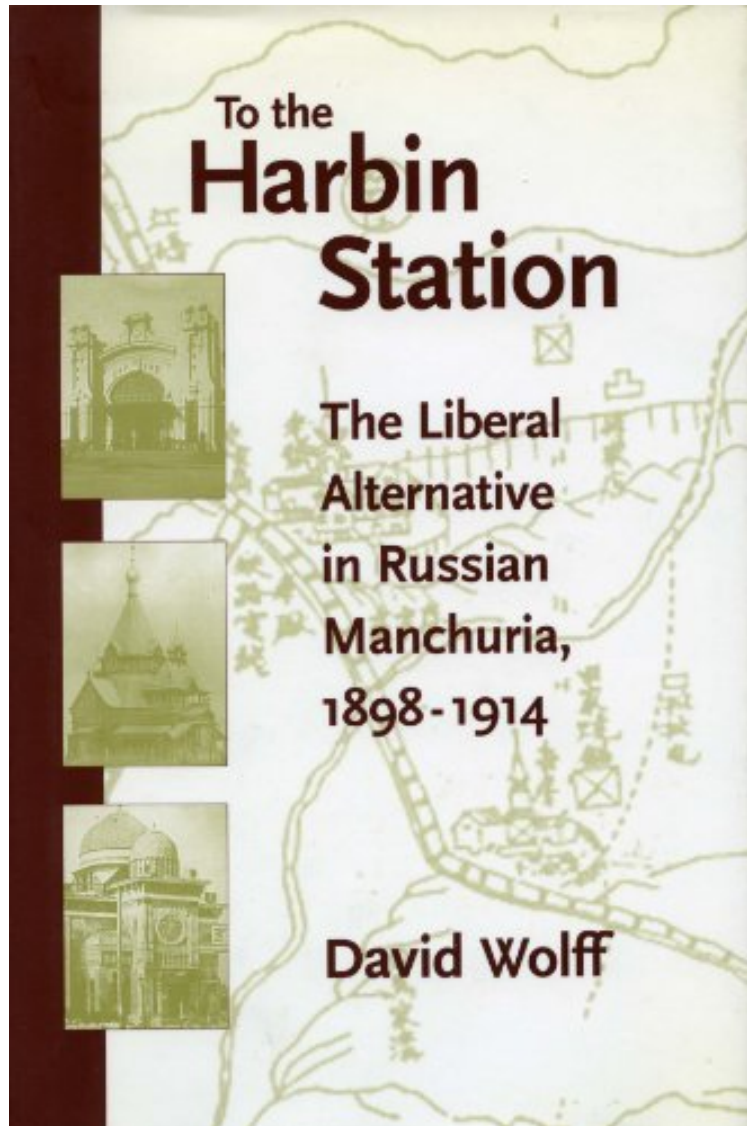


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A broad and powerful array of forces - political, social, cultural, and commercial - converged at the start of the century in this uncharted bit of Manchuria to make for a great laboratory experiment. The author describes brilliantly the under-emphasized successes of Harbin and the Chinese Eastern Railway, which are a triumph of cooperation, tolerance, vision, and simple good sense. Much is to be learned in terms of strategy and negotiation from Russian finance minister Witte, who, with careful patience, offered mutual benefit rather than threat to potential adversaries from other nations, ethnicities, cultures, and factions of his own government. These themes are of the greatest relevance today, with diversity at the forefront and corporations increasing still further their influence away from home borders. The author has researched his subject comprehensively, exploiting fully his outstanding combination of academic and linguistic skills. 0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. i wanted to write it! Von raffaella I read this book for a very simple reason: the research i'm working at is just about Harbin, its uniqueness as the only Russian city outside Russia and the cultural atmosphere it enjoyed during the 1920's. I found Wolff's work very useful, a miracle of different sources, but i keep asking to myself: why such an amazing experiment in history as my Harbin was not studied until now? Anyway, good job..i wish i had written it myself! 0 von 1 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Wonderful! I am a happy shnick(sp?) once again! Superb! Von Ein Kunde I didn't really read the book, but I used to stay after school in 3rd grade and draw cartoons with Wolff. His cartoons were wonderful, so I have no doubt his insights and analyses of Harbin and the Chinese Eastern Railway are every bit as good.

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