

ANJIN - THE LIFE AND TIMES OF SAMURAI WILLIAM ADAMS, 1564 - 1620 Hiromi T. Rogers

Hiromi has lived in Devon for 26 years and obtained her PhD from Exeter University. She's just published the real story that inspired James Clavell's blockbuster novel Shogun and subsequent TV series. Clavell's Blackthorn character was based on English pilot William Adams and his rise from shipwrecked sailor and condemned prisoner to advisor to celebrated Shogun Tokugawa leyasu. Adams was instrumental in securing trade deals with Japan for the Dutch and English East India Companies. An excellent read, would highly recommend. Published by Renaissance Books. Hardback £24.95

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