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International trade was of great importance for the Ottomans in the construction of their early empire. Kate Fleet's book examines the trade links that existed between European merchants and their Muslim counterparts from the beginnings of the Ottoman empire in 1300 to the fall of Constantinople in 1453. By using previously unexploited Latin and Turkish sources, and by focusing on the trading partnership between the Genoese and the Turks, she demonstrates how this interaction contributed to the economic development of the early Ottoman state and, indeed, to Ottoman territorial expansion. Where the previous literature has emphasised the military prowess of the early Ottoman state and its role as 'the infidel enemy', this book offers a rare insight into its economic aspirations and eventual integration into the economy of the Mediterranean basin. This is a readable, authoritative and innovative study which illuminates our understanding of an obscure period in early Ottoman history.

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Abbreviations

ASG	Archivio di Stato di Genova
ASLSP	<i>Atti della Società Ligure di Storia della Patria</i>
AST	Archivio di Stato di Torino
ASV	Archivio di Stato di Venezia
Belleten	Türk Tarih Kurumu, Belleten
BSOAS	<i>Bulletin of the School of Oriental and African Studies</i>
CFHB	Corpus Fontium Historiae Byzantinae
CSFS	Collana Storica di Fonti e Studi
CSHB	Corpus Scriptorum Historiae Byzantinae
EI2	<i>Encyclopaedia of Islam</i> (Leiden and Paris, 1960 sq.)
İA	<i>İslam Ansiklopedisi, İslam alemleri Coğrafya, Etnoğrafya ve Biyoğrafya Lugatı</i> (Istanbul, 1940 sq.)
JEEH	<i>Journal of European Economic History</i>
JESHO	<i>Journal of Economic and Social History of the Orient</i>
RIS	<i>Rerum Italicarum Scriptores</i> , ed. L. A. Muratori, vols. I–XXV (Milan, 1723–51)
ROL	<i>Revue de l’Orient Latin</i> (Paris, 1893–)
TOEM	<i>Tarih Osmani Encümeni Mecmuası</i>
WZKM	<i>Wiener Zeitschrift für die Kunde des Morgenlandes</i>
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