Merchants & Empire: Trading In Colonial New York

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The European age of discovery opened up new trading routes and gave rise to new colonies. Merchants from Paris, London, and other cities traded with these colonies. Research suggests that inscriptions indicate an earlier date for the origin of the alphabet than previously thought.

In the colonial era, New York merchants were active in trade and empire. Cathy Matson's book, "Merchants and Empire: Trading in Colonial New York," provides insights into the role of these merchants. The book discusses the challenges and rewards of trading with the enemy.

Defying Empire deals with the colonial merchants seemingly facing questionable situations. The book explores how these merchants navigated the complex political landscape of the time.