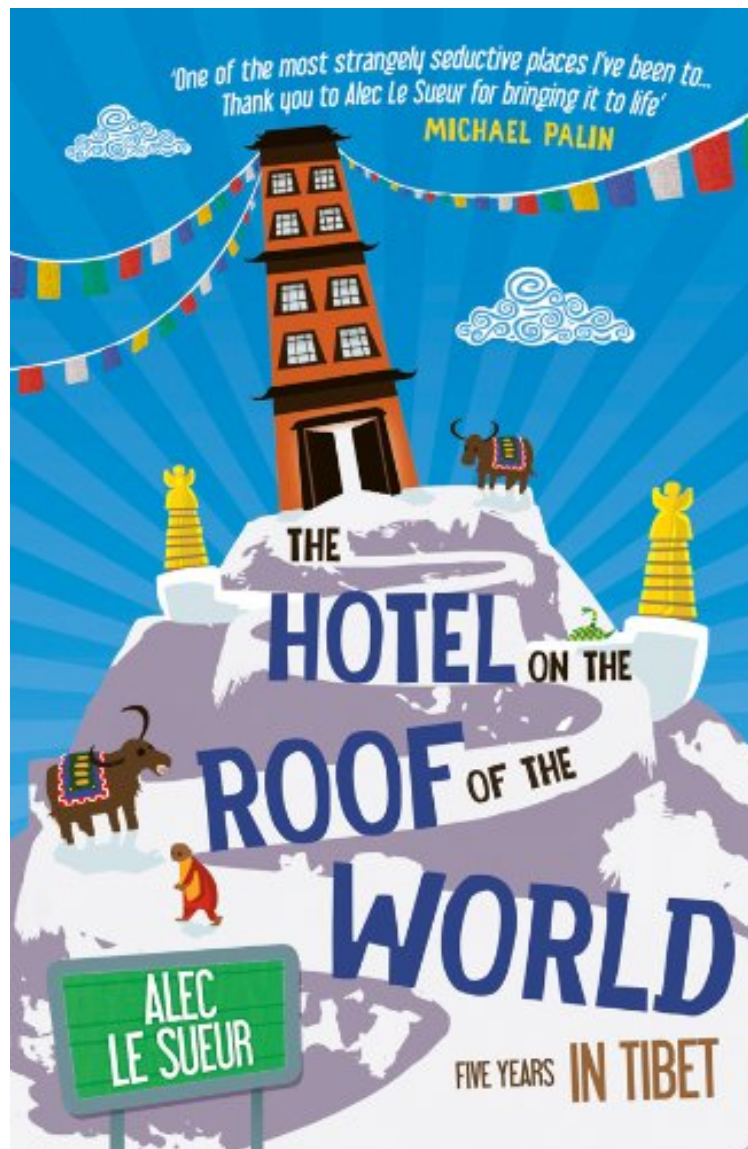


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Von Alec le Sueur : The Hotel on the Roof of the World: Five Years in Tibet (English Edition) before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised The Hotel on the Roof of the World: Five Years in Tibet (English Edition):

KundenrezensionenHilfreichste Kundenrezensionen1 von 1 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Against

depressing Tibet Von Roman Nies The sub-title - "5 years in Tibet" - is a misnomer, certainly dictated from the publisher who wanted the allusion to the seven years of Heinrich Harrer, the most successful book on Tibet. Said this it is safe to say that this is not so much a book on Tibet. Rather on hotel stories. If you are interested in it, read it, if you want to read a book about Tibet, consider what the author says on the last page: " I have not set out to describe the political or religious scene during my time in Tibet. There are many people with greater knowledge of this and there are countless books on this subject. My aim has been to provide you with an insight into life at the unlikeliest Holiday Inn in the world". Who cares, I would have commented. But this is the proper drama, because whenever the author writes about "political" or "religious" scenes or folklore, he is really good in that. The same goes for his humour. It is a pity that in these 5 years he had not more to tell. He is a sound observer who has all his wits together. He is not another advertiser for "Free-Tibet-". He is able to keep to a critical objectiveness, for example when he writes, that the Chinese do not so much care about economics than politics. That is why boycotts of China do not work. They only hurt the people, having no effect on the Chinese government. And he also criticizes that "Westerners" do not understand it. He expresses his pensiveness also when he says that the "god old Tibet" searched by romantic Westerners was little different from medieval Europe, with absolute power in the hands of a few who were guided solely by their own personal interests. Government jobs were bought and sold, human rights were nonexistent and mass exploitations were the order of the day. Traditionalists will be pleased to know that some of these old habits like stabbing opponents or decapitate unwanted rivals are still existent in present day Tibet. The Chinese tried also to end these cultural old fashions. In these days when it is apparent that the Tibetans were not won by Communism, the Capitalism tries to do it better. And there are signs that they succeed. And the author has something important to say about this: "It is the Tibetans themselves who are making the change." This is the course of life everywhere. Tourists who visit Tibet bring with them a contribution to destroy what they find there. 1 von 1 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. A really good holiday read Von Ein Kunde I took this book on holiday and read it from cover to cover in one go! You cry with laughter at this guy's English sense of humour but the really clever thing is that you also learn sub-consciously about the situation in Tibet. You end up falling in love with Tibet and the Tibetans and want to go there yourself. (Although if you're afraid of flying read this book before you book your tickets!). There's a lovely romance story that picks up half way through the book. It leaves you curious as to what happens next, so I hope he writes some more. 0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Amusing Informative Book Von Ping Lim I enjoyed this book thoroughly for the author's sense of humour. What a sigh of relief reading a book about Tibet discussing issues which aren't related with the human rights issues. This is a travelling book, a book of observation which continues on the tradition of Bill Bryson Jan Wong (of China Blues' fame). Still, we learnt a lot about the country by reading between the lines. I have read countless of books about Tibet China most of them were about how the authors survived their ordeal. Cliche`. Here, we also read about the author's ordeal but of a different kind. We were brought behind the scene of an international hotel I'm adamant that most hotel operators haven't removed 200+ dead rats from their hotels before, rode in their hotel vehicle which were devoid of suspensions driven in break neck speed by their driver who hardly spoke any English, etc. There's so much to be written but it's better to let the prospective readers discover for themselves what a wee gem this book is. I finished this book in 2 days as I couldn't afford to put it down. Damn hilarious, compatible with the Fawlty Tower as claimed, truly a memesrising experience. Keep up the good work!

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