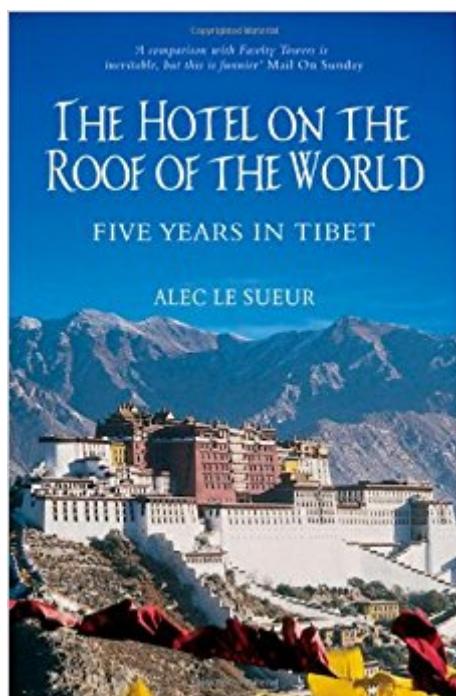


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The Hotel On The Roof Of The World: Five Years In Tibet (Summersdale Travel)



Synopsis

Few foreigners have been lucky enough to set foot on Tibetan soil - Alec Le Sueur spent five extraordinary years there, working for an international hotel chain. Against the breathtaking beauty of the Himalayas he unfolds a highly amusing and politically enlightening account of his experiences. Fly infestations at state banquets, hopeful mountaineers, unexpected deliveries of live snakes, a predominance of yaks and everything yak-related, the unbelievable Miss Tibet competition, insurmountable communication problems and a dead guest are just some of the entertainments to be found at the 'Fawlty Towers' of Lhasa. Daily challenges are increased by the fragile political situation. Le Sueur, the only foreigner since the days of Heinrich Harrer to spend so long in Tibet, examines its intriguing cultural background, thus providing a fascinating insight into a country that is virtually impenetrable to today's traveller.

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"Le Sueur sees the funny side and provides us with the means of improving our knowledge" on Tibet. -- The Guardian A hilarious account of a clash of cultures.. a comparison with Fawlty Towers is inevitable, but this is funnier. -- The Mail on Sunday Offers lucid details about living in a place that westerners tend to misunderstand. -- Time Magazine -- This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

In this remarkable book, Alec LeSueur raises the bar on travel writing. Acclaimed as an instant

classic, this book has hit bestseller lists across Europe and become a favorite of booksellers, reviewers and reading groups in the United States. LeSueur's wonderful writing style embraces not only the hilarity of a Communist hotel managed by an American hotel chain with an Italian manager, it sheds new light on the Tibetan political situation. This book is a joy to read. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

Yes! I was there in 1993 so I'm very interested in these little horror stories, though everything we as tourists saw and experienced was nothing but the best service, good food, clean and pleasant interiors.

Reminiscent of my first job. Did you ever have a free-wheeling job experience back when you were young enough to not care about consequences? If not, see what you missed.

This book brought me to a place I know I'll never visit, but through Alec's great sense of humor, there is much to be learned without ever getting politically involved. Although this is not always possible with the Chinese coming in the hotel and making a mess of things! Tibet's beautiful natural reserves and their people have and will continue to have hard times ahead. Alec makes the best of his stay. The characters are charming, the guests and employees make for an enjoyable read. Alec, where's your next book?! Belgian chocolate, mmmmmmm

I haven't finished it yet, but, so far, it's hilarious !!!, AND, SOoooo True. A must read for all who want to broaden their horizons. with insight, understanding, and love for the beautiful country of Tibet, while being absolutely entertained by the comedy that is real life.

A great laugh and glimpse into another culture. Good for the health.

This is an excellent book, it was difficult to put down and I was very disappointed when I reached the end.

Fantastic story

I was a bit apprehensive about buying this book, not thinking a book about a hotel in Lhasa really makes good reading. ...I have to say that this book is hilarious. For anyone who has stayed in hotels

in third world countries - I would recommend this book. I've never been to Tibet but I have seen so many of these situations in hotels in other countries that I just have to laugh. So wrong yet so true. A very easy read with just enough background thrown in. Highly Recommended. One of the better "travel" books I've read.

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