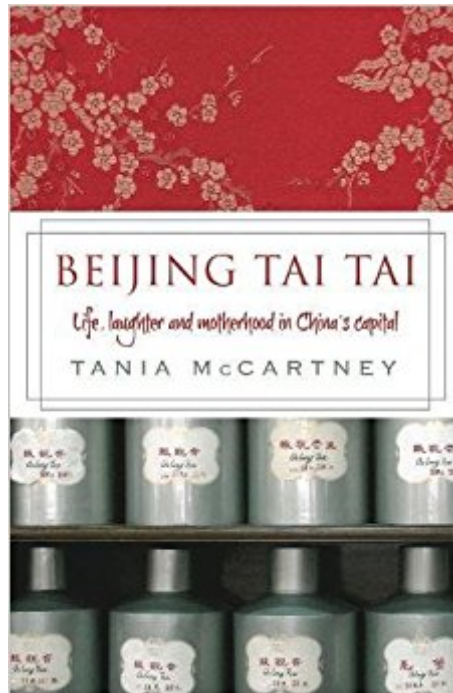




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# Beijing Tai Tai: Life, Laughter And Motherhood In China's Capital



## Synopsis

When Tania McCartney discovered she'd be moving her husband, self and two kids under the age of five to China for four years, she was 95 percent horrified. What she never expected was to fall in love. Beijing seeped under her skin and grabbed hold of her heart ... a love affair that inspired 'Beijing Tai Tai', a collection of shrewdly observed, heartfelt and humorous insights into Beijing expatriate life. Intensely personal, at times a little controversial, 'Beijing Tai Tai' is a rollercoaster ride of honesty and openness as a wife (tai tai) and mother juggles suburban family life in urban Beijing. Presented in a series of love/hate column-like snippets -- on topics ranging from the consumption of bull testicles to the life-altering experience of walking the Great Wall -- it exposes expatriate life in a country on the brink of great change. From tragic hair moments and bustling silk markets to China's quest to stay true to its ancient origins, 'Beijing Tai Tai' is a book for anyone interested in this diverse and culturally rich country. It's for anyone, from anywhere, who knows what it's like to fall in love, explore new worlds and live with challenges. It's about life in a city full of soaring highs and disconsolate lows -- but never anything less than remarkable."This book is perfect for those who want to learn about experiencing new and diverse cultures and all the challenging lows and intense highs in between." - Giftrap Magazine

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## Customer Reviews

Tania McCartney is an award-winning author of both children's and adult books, with a particular passion for picture books. An experienced editor, illustrator, speaker and publisher, she has written more than thousand articles and reviews, both in print and online. She is also the founder of Kids'

Book Review, one of the foremost children's literacy websites and the Facebook phenomenon, the 52-Week Illustration Challenge. An ACT Ambassador for the National Year of Reading (2012), Tania is passionate about literacy and has spent many years presenting and speaking on reading, books and writing. The writing talent behind the internationally successful Kid's Year series, Tania has lived in France, England and China, but now lives in Australia with her family.

This is actually Michael's wife. I just finished devouring this story on a cruise with my family. It was an amazing story. An honest, funny, lovely story about a mother who struggles, recovers, savors, enjoys, revels, etc. in her time in Beijing with two young children. My mother had the same stint in France with us when we were little, and I now see how she felt, based on this book. This book had me laughing, "huh?ing," and ahhhh'ing along with Tania. I want her to throw a party for my kids. I want her to go somewhere new to write about it. I want her to plan my next vacation. I want her to blog for me :) The journal-entry form of this story is perfect. I feel so less "three-faces-of-Eve" when my perception changes on a daily basis.

A fascinating, warts & all, insight into living in China! Tania's writing style is refreshingly honest. Her humour is infectious, even amongst the "dark" times. Reading her book makes me realise even more (I realise it every time I read a good book!) how much fun it would be to meet a successful author & talk with them.....especially when I have enjoyed their book. I would recommend this book to others.

It was nice to glean bits of interesting places to go in Beijing, but otherwise self-indulgent. And felt a little cheated as this was a compendium of magazine articles, rather than a book. Not sure that was how it was presented

I red this book just before I went to China and therefore we went to one place I would not have known about

Can I give this 0 stars? I would if I could. This is truly one of the worst books I've ever read. So SHALLOW. So stuck up. So pretentious. I'm not sure what Tania is like in real life, but...if this is a true reflection of her personality, she is not someone I would like to meet. I don't understand how you could live in China for years and STILL not come to know any Chinese people. The way she talks about her housekeeper reminds me of the way people in, "The Help" talk about their maids. I

gained no understanding of the struggles people face in China today or their daily lives. I actually feel that I have lost some brain cells reading this book. I highly recommend you avoid it at all costs.

Mix of comedy and poignant stories. Gives good ground level view of life as expat in china. Laughed to tears.

In preparation for a trip to Beijing, I found Beijing Tai Tai. It was spot on with the descriptions of what I found. An easy informative funny read.

enjoyed this book as i've visited beijing & other places in china but getting an inside look was interesting. think writer could expand into more sophisticated style by not having headings but weaving experiences into story

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