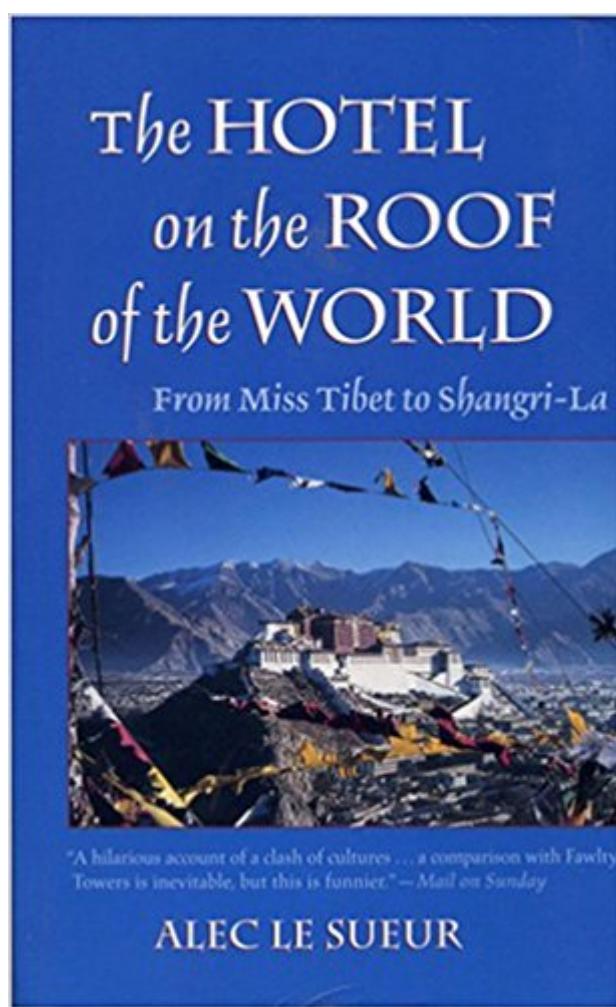


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The Hotel On The Roof Of The World: From Miss Tibet To Shangri La



Synopsis

On a par with the best of Bill Bryson and Pico Iyer, Alec Le Sueur's bestselling insider account of life at the world famous Holiday Inn, Lhasa, Tibet (altitude 14,000 feet) pits Communist owners against capitalist manager to create a chain hotel in Shangri-La. Against all odds, heroic Tibetan workers fight with Chinese bosses who turn off the heat in reezing weather when occupancy falls below 20 percent. They struggle against Maoist bureaucrats trying to break up the first Miss Tibet beauty pageant. And they delicately remove the American Express card from the wallet of an apparently deceased guest to cover room charges. Nonstop hijinks make this one of the funniest travel books on the planet.

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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

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.

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 a 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 muck 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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