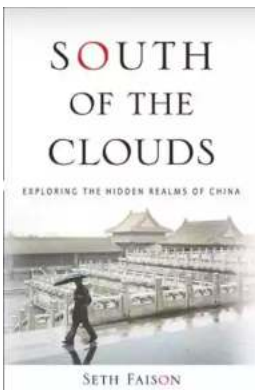


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When it comes to natural beauty, Yunnan province in China never fails to astound its visitors. Nestled in the southwest of the country, this captivating region is often referred to as "South Of The Clouds". From its snow-capped mountains and cascading waterfalls to its terraced fields and vibrant ethnic diversity, Yunnan offers a visual feast for the senses.

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Immersing in Cultural Diversity



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The Alluring Beauty of Yunnan's Natural Landscapes

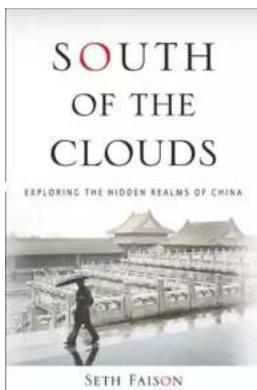
From the enchanting stone forests of Shilin to the serene lakes of Dianchi and Erhai, Yunnan's natural landscapes are a canvas of beauty waiting to be explored. These awe-inspiring formations have been shaped by millions of years of geological processes, leaving behind stunning masterpieces that captivate travelers.



Unveiling South Of The Clouds



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The author navigates his way past forbidding walls to peek inside the dark corners of Chinese society, relying on a remarkable collection of friends and acquaintances who help guide the way: an embittered policeman in Xian, a gay professor in Shanghai, and a Buddhist monk in Tibet, who presides at an ancient burial ritual where the corpse is carved up and fed to wild vultures.

The Tiananmen Square massacre, people smuggling, and the Falun Gong movement are among the political and social upheavals that the author explains as he witnesses China's uncertain road toward capitalism and its place in the modern world.

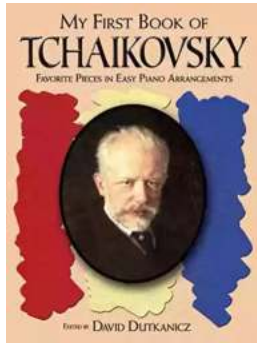
Along his travels, the author wrestles with his own cultural identity, his sexuality, and his spiritual bearings. He finds an erotic outlet in the Chinese "Sauna Massage" and a stirring emotional connection with Jin Xing, a brilliant choreographer and China's first openly transsexual citizen. Ultimately, he discovers the answer to lifelong questions on a mountaintop in Tibet.

Seth Faison, with a subtle understanding of Chinese culture, brings past and present events to life in a thought-provoking account of this mysterious nation and its people.



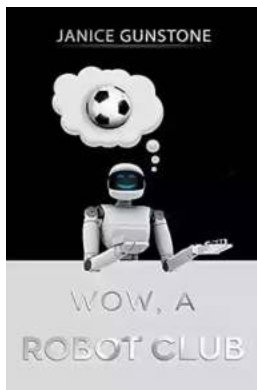
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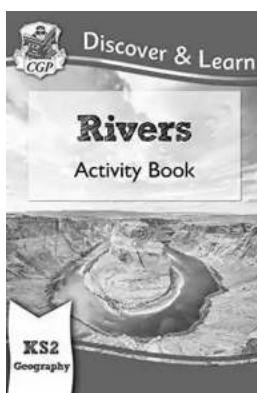
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