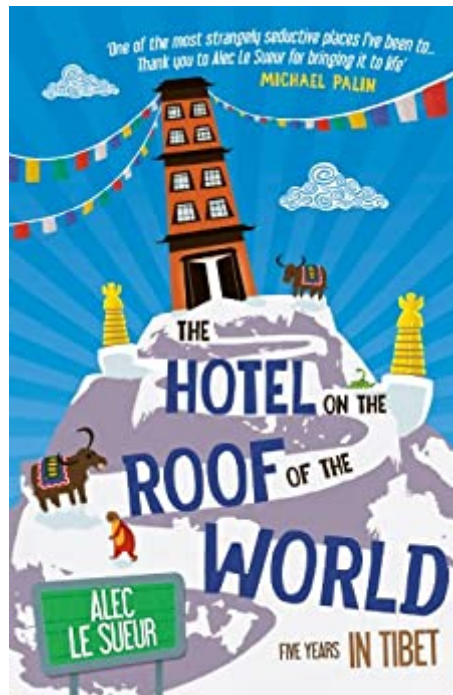




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Synopsis

"The very aptly named Mr Pong had the kind of breath that could stun at over ten feet—| This wasn't just bad — there was something rotten down there. Something had crawled in and died. Gunter howled with laughter as he saw the look of horror on my face. It was the best entertainment he had seen since he had watched Chef chasing yaks through the kitchens." Few foreigners are lucky enough to set foot on Tibetan soil, but Alec Le Sueur spent five extraordinary years there, working in the unlikeliest Holiday Inn in the world. Against the breathtaking beauty of the Himalayas unfolds a highly amusing and enlightening account of his experiences. Fly infestations at state banquets, 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. Le Sueur, the only Westerner since the days of Heinrich Harrer to spend so long in Tibet, examines the country's intriguing cultural background, providing a fascinating insight into a country that was only just opening up to the outside world.

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Customer Reviews

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 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, mmmmmm

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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