

# Five Memoirs About Living And Working In China

China, with its rich culture, vibrant history, and rapidly growing economy, has fascinated people from around the globe. Many individuals have ventured into the Middle Kingdom to immerse themselves in the unique experiences it offers. In this article, we will explore and delve into five captivating memoirs written by individuals who have lived and worked in China.

## 1. "Factory Girls: From Village to City in a Changing China" by Leslie T. Chang

In this memoir, Leslie T. Chang presents a poignant and remarkable portrayal of the lives of Chinese factory workers. Through interviews and personal experiences, she uncovers the challenges, dreams, and resilience of the migrant workers who travel from rural villages to seek better opportunities in China's booming cities.

## 2. "River Town: Two Years on the Yangtze" by Peter Hessler

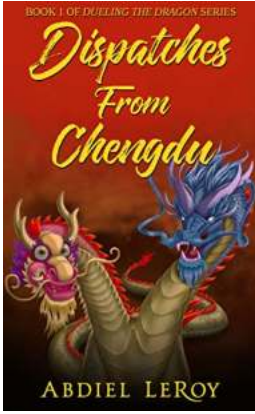
Peter Hessler's memoir provides readers with a captivating tale of his experiences as an English teacher in the town of Fuling, situated along the Yangtze River. Hessler's vivid descriptions and insightful observations not only shed light on the lives of his students but also capture the rapidly changing landscape of China in the late 1990s.

**Dispatches From Chengdu (Dueling the Dragon: Five Memoirs About Living and Working in China**

**Book 1)** by Abdiel LeRoy (Kindle Edition)

★★★★★ 5 out of 5

Language : English



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### **3. "The Elephant and the Dragon: The Rise of India and China and What It Means for All of Us" by Robyn Meredith**

Robyn Meredith takes a broader perspective in her memoir, exploring the economic rise of both India and China. Through extensive research and interviews, she offers an engaging account of the rivalry and cooperation between these two Asian giants and the resulting implications for the rest of the world.

### **4. "Country Driving: A Journey Through China from Farm to Factory" by Peter Hessler**

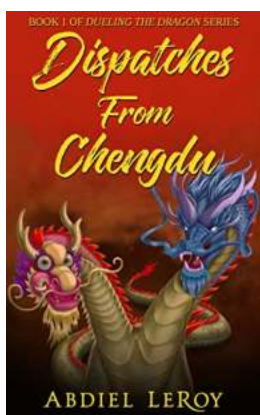
Peter Hessler's second memoir in this list takes readers on a mesmerizing journey through the rural and urban landscapes of China. Through his encounters with diverse individuals, Hessler unveils the complexities and paradoxes of China's massive transformation and its impact on the lives of ordinary citizens.

### **5. "Wild Swans: Three Daughters of China" by Jung Chang**

In this compelling memoir, Jung Chang narrates the gripping story of three generations of women in her family, spanning the tumultuous years of China's 20th-century history. From her grandmother's bound feet to her mother's

indoctrination during the Cultural Revolution, Chang portrays the personal struggles and resilience of Chinese women against the backdrop of the country's political upheavals.

These five memoirs provide readers with unique insights into the multifaceted aspects of living and working in China. Through the eyes of these authors, we gain a deeper understanding of China's rapid modernization, socio-economic changes, and the rich tapestry of its people. Whether you are intrigued by China's history, curious about the lives of its workers, or yearning to explore its captivating landscapes, these memoirs offer an immersive literary journey that will leave you enlightened and inspired.



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Beguiled in China!

"The girls here are dazzling," the author marvels as he begins work as an English teacher in China's Sichuan Province. The food is delicious, the camaraderie joyous, and the enthusiasm of his students infectious.

But how long will the honeymoon period last?

Until the pollution becomes unbearable? Or the faculty falsely accuse him? Or his postgraduate students cheat in their exam?!

With a journalist's eye and lively wit, Abdiel describes the delights and despairs of living and working in China and how he copes with unprecedented challenges in an alien and often toxic environment.

But will his campus romances compensate?

Dispatches From Chengdu is the first of five memoirs in Abdiel's Dueling the Dragon series and witness to the deep corruption and incompetence behind China's superpower façade. As always, he'll have you laughing between the tears!

"An adventure, a memoir, and certainly one of the more entertaining books about China before us today."

San Francisco Review of Books

"These stories from China are addictive!"

"LeRoy's ability to write so cogently about such AWFUL things and simultaneously give readers a chuckle, is magnificent."

"Wields a wicked and eloquent pen."

"Should be awarded an honorary degree in Anthropology."

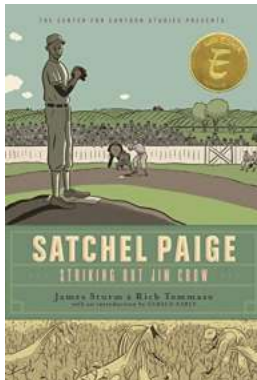
"Informative and eye opening."

"Reveals the the dark side of the country."

"The author knows the Chinese better than the Chinese."

"Subverts dominant concepts of China."

Reader reviews



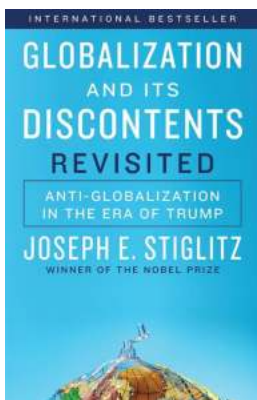
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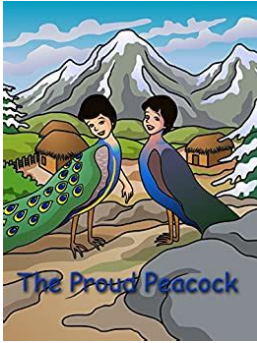
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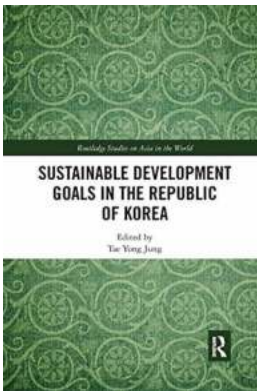
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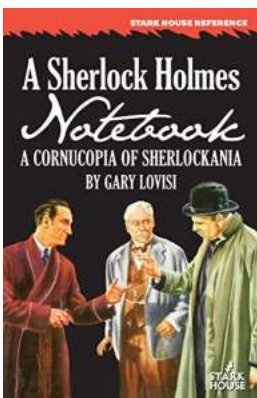
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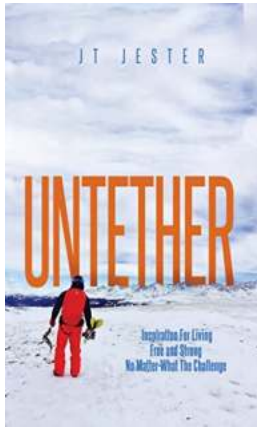
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