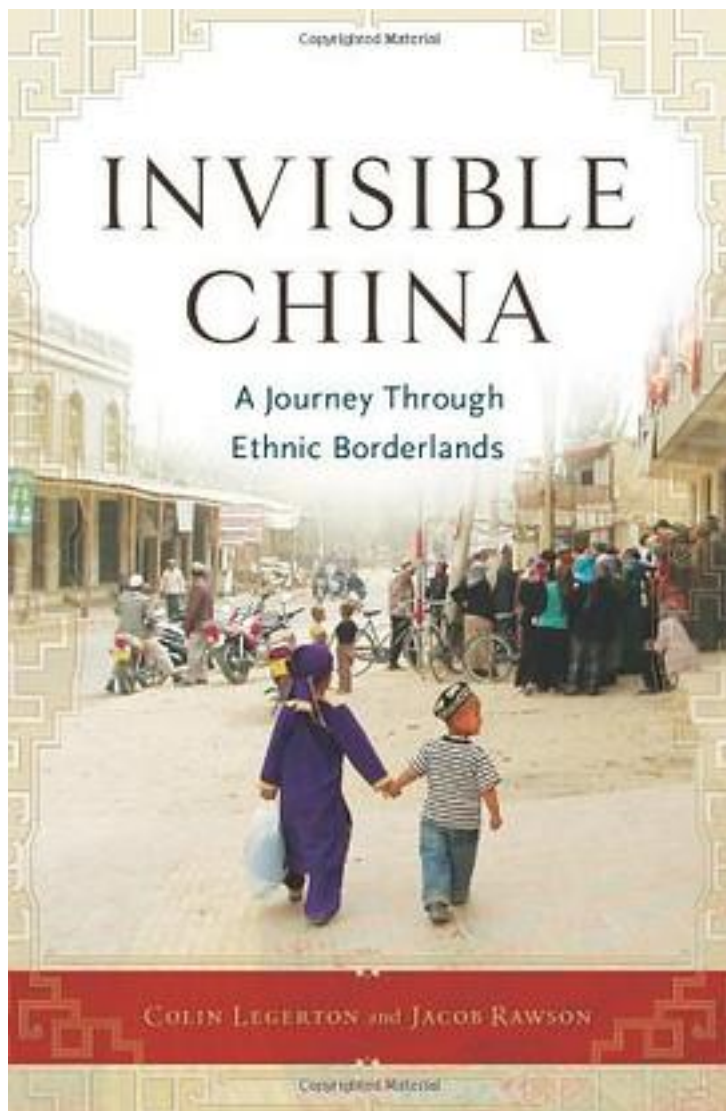


Invisible China



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In this eloquent and eye-opening adventure narrative, Colin Legerton and Jacob Rawson, two Americans fluent in Mandarin Chinese, Korean, and Uyghur, throw away the guidebook and bring a hitherto unexplored side of China to light. They journey over 14,000 miles by bus and train to the farthest reaches of the country to meet the minority peoples who dwell there, talking to farmers in their fields, monks in their monasteries, fishermen on their skiffs, and herders on the steppe.

In *Invisible China*, they engage in a heated discussion of human rights with Daur and Ewenki village cadres; celebrate Muhammad's birthday with aging Dongxiang hajjis who recount the government's razing of their mosque; attend mass with old Catholic Kinh fishermen at a church that has been forty years without a priest; hike around high-altitude Lugu Lake to farm with the matrilineal Mosuo women; and descend into a dry riverbed to hunt for jade with Muslim Uyghur merchants. As they uncover surprising facts about China's hidden minorities and their complex position in Chinese society, they discover the social ramifications of inconsistent government policies--and some deep human truths as well.

作者介绍:

Colin Legerton graduated from Tufts University with a degree in Chinese language and literature. He spent a year in Urumqi studying Uyghur and mentoring western China's only baseball team and later produced *Diamond in the Dunes*, a documentary film that tells their story. He has worked as a Chinese-English translator and is currently pursuing a master's degree in Central Asian studies at Indiana University, with a focus on Uyghur literature.

Jacob Rawson has lived and studied in Yokohama and Beijing. After graduating from Lewis and Clark College with a degree in Chinese and Japanese languages, he taught at a high school in rural South Korea as a Fulbright fellow. Now back in the States, he has given presentations on China's ethnic minorities and the Korean minority in Japan. He is working toward a master's degree in Chinese and Korean linguistics at the University of Washington.

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评论

(3,3.5)。个人体验为主，一些想法有点意思但整体上没什么洞见，适合扫盲——意识形态在民族问题上究竟是“无效”还是“被遮蔽”还有待观察。“只杀汉人”是否比“什么都杀”要“高尚”那么一点？

想了想，还是4星吧。

记述个人观察为主，大多浮光掠影，时而略有想当然。一些想法蛮有趣，比如将（法律意义的）中国人内部的差异与「欧洲人」类比。另外，帝国不关心人。

文中含有不小偏见，但也有若干洞见。至少，作者万里行程，并希望在现实生活中讨论问题，这还是弥足珍贵的。

差异就是矛盾。所以要同化，保留民族文化可讲不可做。

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书评

Reviewed by Erik Cao Colin Legerton and Jacob Rawson Invisible China - A Journey Through Ethnic Borderlands Chicago: Chicago Review Press 2008 ISBN 978-1-55652-814-9 This book documents the authors' journey to the remote border regions of ...

作者在导言部分所写，他们是03年在北京学习的时候产生了周游中国少数民族地区的想法，大约在05年时成行，先去了东北，然后西北，西南，经过了大部分少数民族地区，村寨，见到了各个少数民族，虽然不是全部。
作者的一些描述是精准的，例如，农村山区的村民们，不管是不是少数...

当然谁也不能幸免于意识形态拉。不过汉人的形象总是被媚俗地幻想为霸道、漠不关心、自以为是。少数民族也被理想化了。
However,此书提供了不错的思考，总比中共的某些宣传好

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