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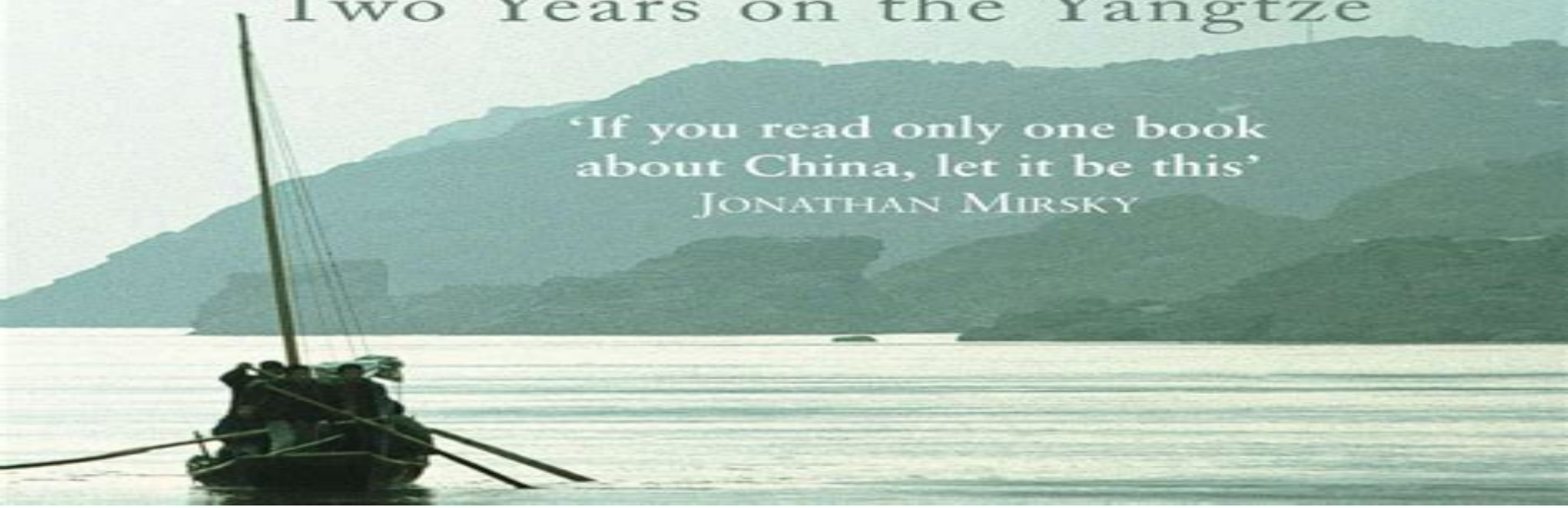
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those outside of China is still significant though shrinking The Inscrutably Chinese Church moves readers nearer to the Chinese Christian experience as Nathan Faries helps foreign readers to see with greater clarity just how Chinese Christians view their government and themselves in relation to those ruling powers There still exists a measure of inscrutability about China and its complex relationship with religion that must be explained to the outsider It is this gap in understanding between insider points of view within China and those outsiders seeking knowledge about the Christian faith in China that Faries seeks to close China's Three Gorges, Xi'an and the Terracotta Warriors Simon Foster, Vivien Loughheed, 2009-10-15

This guide is based on our much larger 530 page guide to Bolivia Here we zero in on La Paz the capital and all of the nearby attractions La Paz is not a big city on the world scale but it is certainly one of the more interesting ones Built in a bowl created by the Choqueyapu River the upper parts of the city stand 1 645 ft 500 m above the lower sections Unlike any other city in the world the richer neighborhoods are located at the lower levels This is partly due to the fact that it is warmer and easier to breathe at the lower altitudes Also the pinnacles and spires of conglomerate rock and clay that have been sculptured by wind and water make a dramatic backdrop for those living below them The higher up the bowl one goes the more unstable the land becomes and the more likely a landslide will occur The plazas squares and Prado are well kept in La Paz and even in the depth of winter plants are tended to help make the city attractive Street cleaners are out every day and local merchants regularly wash the area in front of their shops On a clear day Mount Illimani a snow covered monolith can be seen as a sentry towering over the city Valley of the Moon is six miles 10 km from the center of La Paz and can be reached by joining a tour or by taking micro bus 11 or minibus 231 or 273 to Mallasilla The hillside features a maze of clay canyons and pinnacles that have been sculpted by wind and rain Narrow trails through the landscape take about an hour to walk There is also a cactus park just before the entrance The park overlooks a gorge and has paths leading around numerous types of cacti As you continue up the road you will come to Parque Nacional Mallasa with its bird observatory and across the road the zoo area The road passes under natural stone bridges and past Chulpani's Red Hill There is no mistaking which hill this is From Mallasa one can see across the river to the highest golf course in the world Devil's Tooth or Muela del Diablo is a huge volcanic plug sticking out of the landscape to a height of 13 000 ft 3 950 m Several trails go to the right follow the one that obviously leads to the village From there go to the left for 3 miles about half a kilometer to the foot of the rock Climbers are occasionally found on the east face Canyon de Palca or Valle de Animas is a deep canyon that was carved by the Rio Palca centuries ago To get there take a bus going to Huni from Plaza Belzu on Avenida Mexico in San Pedro There are huge pinnacles and wind carved conglomerates The trail continues along the bottom of the canyon to a natural obelisk Just past the obelisk is a rock that has the appearance of a human hiding in a cave The rock is called the hermit of the canyon Continue along the canyon to its end and climb to your left up to the village of Palca This is a long day hike All of the detailed information you need is here about the hotels restaurants shopping sightseeing But we also lead you to new discoveries

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RiverTime Mary A. Hood, 2008-03-20 In this engaging travelogue of our world's rivers great and small poet and biologist Mary A Hood reflects on rivers as creators of place Recounting her journeys along portions of the Mississippi the Danube the Amazon the Yangtze the Ganges the Nile and a dozen small U S rivers Hood weaves together natural history current environmental and conservation issues encounters with endangered plants and animals and tells some interesting tales along the way Like a river the book begins small with essays that are narrowly focused on themes of environment and place such as the need to write our world Three Rivers how fires and corporations control the West the Flathead the effect of wind farms on a small town in western New York the Conhocton the giant redwoods and how they were preserved the Klamath and the search for moose in the great north woods the Penobscot The second section expands the themes of environment and place and looks at great world rivers their long histories their biological diversity the effects of human use and tourism and the paradox of human reverence and destruction From endangered species to invasive species from corporate control of national parks to wind farms from urban sprawl to efforts at conservation and restoration RiverTime offers insights into our relationship to the environment in the twenty first century

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