

Floating Life: A Journey Through the Heart of China

By Simon Elegant

Floating Life is a captivating non-fiction book by Simon Elegant that tells the story of China's transformation over the past four decades. Through the eyes of ordinary people, Elegant captures the dramatic changes that have taken place in Chinese society, from the economic boom to the rise of consumerism and the growing pains of modernization.



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Elegant's journey begins in the early 1980s, when China was just beginning to open up to the outside world. He travels to different parts of the country, meeting people from all walks of life. He talks to farmers, factory workers, students, artists, and entrepreneurs. He listens to their stories and learns about their hopes and dreams for the future.

One of the most striking things that Elegant discovers is the resilience of the Chinese people. Despite the challenges they have faced, they have never given up on their dreams. They have worked hard to build a better life for themselves and their families. They have embraced new opportunities and adapted to the changing times.

However, Elegant also sees the darker side of China's transformation. He witnesses the growing inequality between the rich and the poor. He sees the environmental damage that is being done to the country. He sees the social problems that are emerging as China becomes more modern.

Floating Life is a complex and nuanced book that offers a unique perspective on China's transformation. It is a must-read for anyone who wants to understand the country's past, present, and future.

Praise for *Floating Life*

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"A vivid and moving portrait of a country in flux." - *The Guardian*

"A must-read for anyone who wants to understand China." - *The Economist*

About the Author

Simon Elegant is an American journalist and author. He has been based in China for more than 20 years. He has written extensively about China for *Time* magazine, *The New York Times*, and *The Wall Street Journal*. He is the author of several books on China, including *The Great Divide: China's New Class and the Global Race for Status*.

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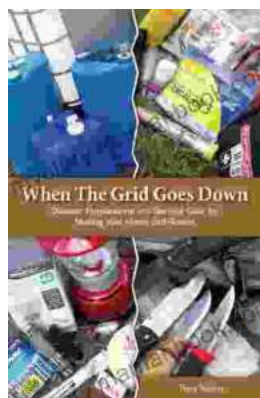
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