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The Permanent Migrants: Modern China Explained by Mushroom Hunters, Noodle Chefs and Undercover Police

By Amos Irwin

Createspace Independent Publishing Platform, United States, 2015. Paperback. Book Condition: New. 229 x 152 mm. Language: English . Brand New Book ***** Print on Demand *****.The people of Dragon Ditch Village had been farming for centuries before they elected 27-year-old Eastern Sun as their leader. When Eastern Sun unveiled his plan to build a ten-story eco-hotel and flood the villagers cornfields so that the hotel would have a lake view, how do you think the villagers reacted? They turned to me and smiled. We think of him like our son. In Permanent Migrants, Amos Irwin abandons the usual top-down view of contemporary China in favor of conversations with the Chinese people themselves. From the cement factories of Inner Mongolia to the temples of Shanxi, Permanent Migrants investigates the lives of village politicians, monks, undercover cops, and migrant noodle chefs. While they race to get ahead in the fastest-changing economy in the world, they struggle with the test-centric educational system, with the One Child Policy, and with hukou, the population control system that makes two in ten Chinese people illegal migrants in their own country. Permanent Migrants is based on dialogues with Chinese people eager to talk to their first-ever foreigner....



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