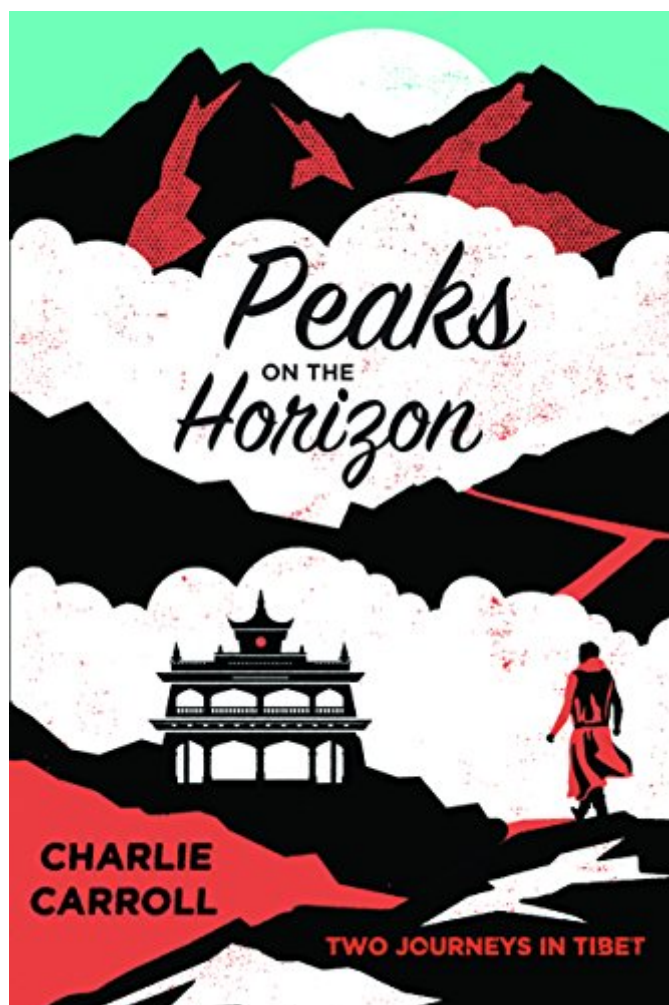


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# Peaks On The Horizon: Two Journeys In Tibet



## Synopsis

Charlie Carroll's obsession began with his chance discovery of *Seven Years in Tibet* in the Adult Reading section of his grade school library. The battered hardcover with faded gold lettering sparked a twenty-year obsession with Tibet, and after combing through every book, article, and documentary on the mysterious and controversial nation, Charlie finally decided it was time to stop reading other people's records and thoughts. A high school English teacher by then, he took a sabbatical and set out to experience the shrouded land for himself. Contending with Chinese bureaucracy, unforgiving terrain, and sickness-inducing altitude, Charlie sought entrance to twenty-first-century Tibet in all its heart-stopping beauty. The same year Charlie was browsing library shelves, Tibetan-born Lobsang was crossing the Himalayas on foot, enduring to flee the volatile region with his family at the young age of five. An exile in Nepal with an ear for languages, then a university student in India, he followed the love of his life back to their home country, only to be separated by China's harsh political backlash. In a teahouse at the border between China and Tibet, Lobsang met Charlie and recounted his extraordinary life story, exemplifying the hardship, resilience, and hope of modern Tibetan life.

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## Customer Reviews

Charlie Carroll is a great storyteller who weaves together his own story of visiting Tibet with that of a native Tibetan who had to flee Tibet when the country was annexed by China. Thus we get to see the country's landscape and suborned politics from both inside and out. Tibet is a tragic case on the world stage, a fact Carroll brings home simply and without pedantry. It's a book that should be read by anyone interested in Tibet or Tibetan Buddhism, or by anyone interested in the doctrine that a lie repeated often enough becomes the truth.

I have been to Tibet and run a charity for Tibetan refugees to which I devote a lot of my time and energy. I found this book to be a very interesting book and also match my experience of Tibet and Tibetans. It is also an important book for what it shows about life in Tibet today. I had borrowed this book from the local library and liked it so much I bought it after reading a good bit of it.

An intense, beautifully written story (actually two stories, and the serendipitous crossing of two paths). It is much more than an interesting account of a recent visit to Tibet, which is what I was expecting. Read it!

A very detailed account of Tibet's struggle for freedom and China's control of a beautiful once independent country.

Really enjoyed the book. I like the way Charlie wove today's travel and Chinese history in Tibet together for an enlightening and educational read.

This is an amazing book, full of heart, compassion and insight into life in Tibet since Mao and the "cultural revolution." "Peaks" parallels the author's experiences with those of a young Tibetan man's journey from Tibet to Nepal to India and back to Tibet. It's a heartfelt yet surprisingly dispassionate telling of their stories, and of the systematic genocide of the Tibetan people and culture by the Chinese. The true story is engaging, compelling and poetically told, an altogether gripping read.

A great read. Two journeys to Tibet - one the author's who has dreamt of going to Tibet since childhood and the other Lobsang's, who had to leave as a child, but returns. The reader learns so

much about Tibet, Buddhism, the Chinese occupation and ensuing genocide. Well written, engaging and informative, but never didactic. An important story.

A very enjoyable book, read it in one sitting! (Also published as 'The Friendship Highway'). Top marks Charlie.

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