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Not long after setting foot in Beijing to teach English at a prestigious middle school, Eric Samson knew right from the start that his new life in China was not going to be easy: he was only 22 and fresh out of school himself, didn't speak a word of Chinese, never lived on his own, never taught a class before, and didn't know a single soul amidst a never-ending sea of noise and people. . .and for some reason, *everybody* keeps staring at him! And why the hell is everyone calling him *Lao Wai* anyways?

Thus begins the extraordinary journey that is *Lao Wai: China Through the Eyes of a Foreign Expatriate*, a compilation of actual letters written by the author to his friends and family over the course of two years while working as a teacher in China.

Rich in detail and acerbic social commentary, *Lao Wai* offers a scathingly cynical yet often hilarious glimpse of what happens when an idealistic young man goes to the Far East to find himself. . .and finds so much more. A provocatively insightful yet affectionate tribute to China and to the Chinese, *Lao Wai* is an unforgettably personal story that will touch your heart and open your eyes to what life is like in the self-proclaimed *Center of the World*.