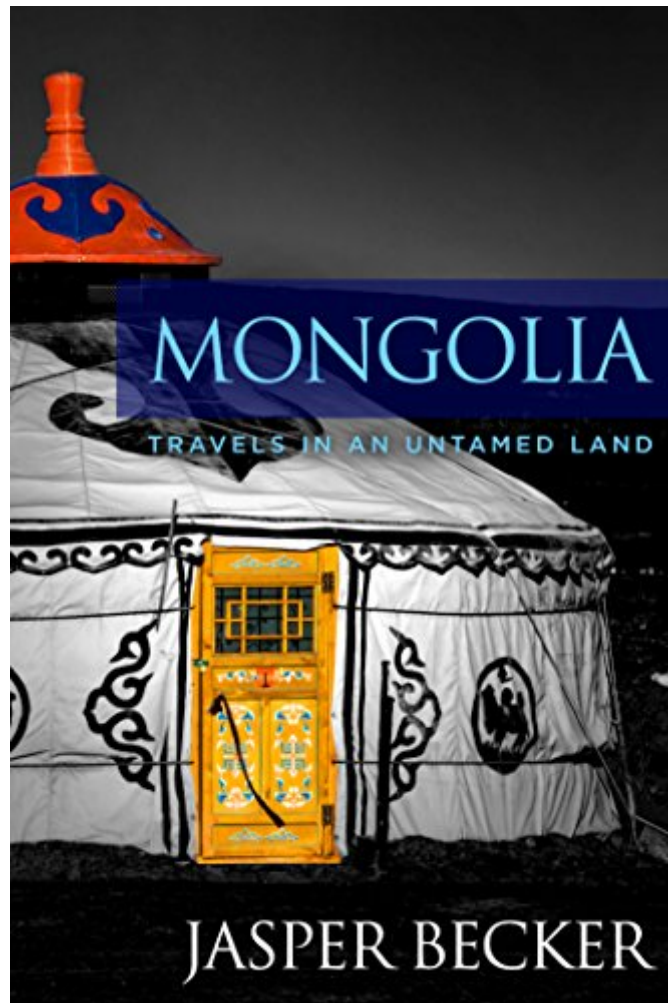




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Mongolia has been a mystical place to many. It is truly one of the world's last undiscovered travel destinations to visit. A land where one can experience wide-open spaces, cobalt blue skies, forests, deserts, crystal clear rivers and lakes, and the traditional hospitality of the nomads. Permanent dwellings are few and far between, fences even fewer and the land is owned by the people, like one large National Park. Jasper Becker's documented travel in Mongolia helps provide a solid and

interesting portrayal of life in Mongolia in current modern times and also shares the unique history dating back to the Mongol Empire of Genghis Khan. I sincerely enjoyed reading the book and recommend it as an erudite travel narrative on Mongolia for readers interested in the culture, history and religious diversity in a lesser traveled place in Asia. Its vividly written and well researched. It really sparked my interest to explore the wild and untamed Mongolia now!

While a bit dated, 1990s, I found the book detailed and extensive covering the history and the land (and outer regions) of Mongolia. Quite refreshing!

This book provided a ton of information about the history of Mongolia, which proved relevant as we traveled across the country, but it was so dry; I had trouble getting through it.

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