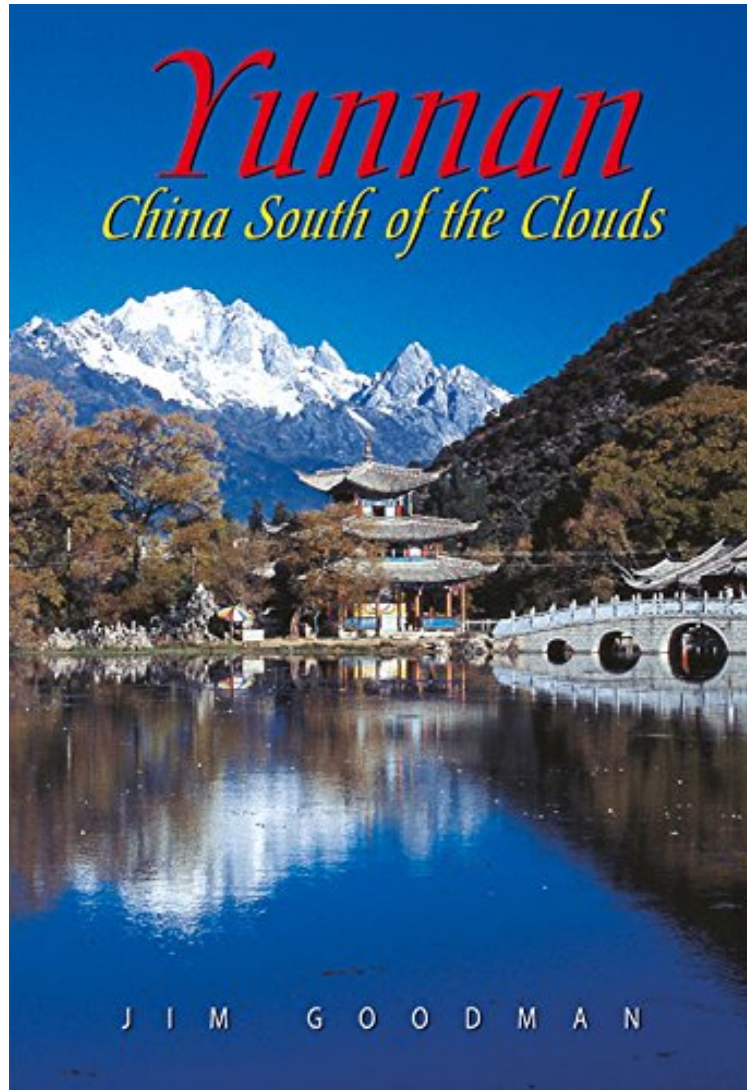


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Jim Goodman : Yunnan: China South of the Clouds (Odyssey Guides) before purchasing it in order to gauge whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Yunnan: China South of the Clouds (Odyssey Guides):

0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Great guide book for a beautiful part of China By redavisiiiI purchased and read this book as preparation for my recent trip to Yunnan. This is not your typical travel guide book because it does not focus on recommending restaurants and hotels. But that is exactly why I liked it. Instead, Goodman focuses on capturing Yunnan through descriptions of the geography, ethnic groups, history, cultural, etc. By the way, there's a reason Yunnan is called "south of the clouds". During my two week stay (March) there was not a single cloud in the sky. At an elevation of 2500 meters (8000 feet) the high plateau weather is comfortable most of the year - much

like California weather. If you go, stay at the Linden Centre in Xizhou which is a boutique hotel created by restoring a Bai ethnic estate house. Don't miss this opportunity, because fast-changing China is sweeping away much that is old and unique. 1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Yunnan: China South of the Clouds by Jim Goodman By esther geva The book provides some useful background information about the cultures and history of Yunnan. The maps are unhelpful. There are nice photos but not enough useful information. There isn't much else about this beautiful province. 1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Wish the photos were better By coburn I expect the photos in this title as good as those in other Odyssey Guides. There are few outstanding photos, some are very dated. Overall, very disappointed.

Wedged between Tibet and the exotic lands of Southeast Asia, Yunnan Province is one of the least known and most beguiling regions of China. A mountainous wonderland, it is home to 24 diverse, colorful ethnic cultures. With a name meaning South of the Clo

"Happy people! What do they know of the strife and turmoil of the western world? We wear ourselves out saving time in one direction that we may waste it in another, hurrying and ever hurrying through time as if we were disgusted with life, but these people think of time not in miles an hour but according to the rate at which their crops grow in the spring, and their fruits ripen in the autumn. They work that they and their families may have enough to eat and enough to wear, living and dying where they were born, where their offspring will live and die after them, as did their ancestors before them, shut in by the mountains which bar access from the outer world. - Frank Kingdon Ward -
"About the Author American born writer and photographer, Jim Goodman has been based in Asia since 1972 and works with the Thai branch of the Hani nationality, with whom he has been engaged in handicrafts production in Chiang Mai since 1988. He travels to Yunnan regularly and has published many books and articles on the province and its people.