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A River's Tale Edward A. Gargan, 2002 The River's Tale is a deeply informed personal chronicle of a remarkable journey down the Mekong River as it runs through China Tibet Burma Laos Thailand Cambodia and Vietnam In it Edward A Gargan tells a stirring tale of adventure that reveals the Mekong's many worlds Beginning in 1998 Gargan was at last able to pursue his long held dream of traveling the three thousand miles of the river and lingering where he wished He was in a sense coming to terms with places and peoples with which he had already linked his life His youthful opposition to the Vietnam War had been the first manifestation of his passionate interest in Asia where he subsequently spent much of his career as a New York Times correspondent His travels show us a kind of modernity settling uneasily on regions still mired in backwardness and poverty and shadows that linger so many years after the end of the Vietnam War We visit Internet cafes in dirt streeted towns near thatched hut villages without electricity The magnificent Angkor Wat a hub of tourism is surrounded by the ruins engendered by Pol Pot's genocidal reign We see plodding mule trains caravanning sacks of opium through Burma on their way to China to be processed and distributed to the West Tibetan horsemen adorned in silver and amber jewelry herd yaks across endless grasslands as their ancestors did though their culture is under siege by the Chinese Vietnamese salesmen scooter around Saigon hawking American soaps passing by outcast children fathered by American soldiers and left behind Buddhism flowers in a Laos ravaged by communism Sex tourism thrives in prosperous Thailand a trade chiefly involving teenagers who pay a deadly price And throughout there is the Mekong shaping landscapes linking cultures sustaining populations showcasing spectacular beauty Edward Gargan is an acutely observant sympathetic guide to a fascinating world and he has written a powerful and lyrical book

When the Rivers Run Dry, Fully Revised and Updated Edition Fred Pearce, 2018-08-28 A new edition of the veteran science writer's groundbreaking work on the world's water crisis featuring all new reporting from the most recent global flashpoints Throughout history rivers have been our foremost source of fresh water for both agriculture and individual consumption but looming water scarcity threatens to cut global food production and cause conflict and unrest In this visionary book Fred Pearce takes readers around the world on a tour of the world's rivers to provide our most complete portrait yet of the growing global water crisis and its ramifications for us all With vivid on the ground reporting Pearce deftly weaves together the scientific economic and historic dimensions of the water crisis showing us its complex origins from waste to wrong headed engineering projects to high yield crop varieties that have saved developing countries from starvation but are now emptying their water reserves Pearce argues that the solution to the growing worldwide water shortage is more efficiency and a new water ethic based on managing the water cycle for maximum social benefit rather than narrow self interest

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International Relations in Southeast Asia Donald E. Weatherbee, Ralf Emmers, 2005 This balanced comprehensive guide to Southeast Asian politics offers a sensible but nondogmatic realist approach to the region's international relations Donald E Weatherbee lucidly explains the dynamics of the Southeast Asian subsystem as a struggle for autonomy in pursuit of national interests He explores three important questions the answers to which will shape the future Southeast Asia Will democratic regimes transform

international relations in Southeast Asia Will national leaders succeed in reinventing ASEAN as a more effective collaborative mechanism Finally how will the evolving Chinese position balancing and perhaps displacing the United States as Asia s great power affect Southeast Asia s struggle for autonomy Charlie Company Journeys Home Andrew Wiest,2019-10-31 Using countless interviews as well as original diaries and letters Andrew Wiest lays bare the horror of the Vietnam War for those left behind and the enduring battles they must continue to fight long after their loved ones have returned home The human experience of the Vietnam War is almost impossible to grasp the camaraderie the fear the smell the pain Men were transformed into soldiers and then into warriors These warriors had wives who loved them and shared in their transformations Some marriages were strengthened while for others there was all too often a dark side leaving men and their families emotionally and spiritually battered for years to come Focusing in on just one company s experience of war and its eventual homecoming Wiest shines a light on the shared experience of combat and both the darkness and resiliency of war s aftermath An Almanack for the Year of Our Lord ... Joseph Whitaker,1906 Travelers' Tales Thailand James O'Reilly,Larry Habegger,2009-11-01 Winner of the Lowell Thomas Award for Best Travel Book this newly designed collection paints a unique portrait of a complex and captivating land One contributor lives as a monk for a month gaining an inside look at monastic life Another discovers Bangkok s riverine pleasures a world away from its car choked streets Yet another finds refuge as the houseguest of an isolated tribesman Through these engaging personal stories readers witness how Thailand satisfies just about any traveler s hunger for the exotic the beautiful the thrillingly different Writers include Pico Iyer Norman Lewis Diane Summers Simon Winchester Ian Buruma Thalia Zepatos and Tim Ward The breadth and color of the collective portrait the contributors provide of Thailand is remarkable Los Angeles Times The Lotus and the Dynamo Charles Dunford Rowley,1960 **Tales from Thailand** Marian Davies Toth,1971 A retelling of eighteen traditional Thai folk tales followed by a brief section on the history geography culture and people of the Land of Smiles *Tales of the Himalaya* Lawrence W. Swan,2000 The Films of Apichatpong Weerasethakul Anik Sarkar,Jayjit Sarkar,2024-01-15 Delving into Apichatpong Weerasethakul s films this book uncovers a plethora of conceptual paradigms Apichatpong s films frequently utilize rural Thailand as a backdrop showcasing daily life interactions rituals and customs all infused with a Southeast Asian essence This utilization of local imagery provides a national quality to his works allowing a global audience to explore both urban and rural aspects of Thai society along with discourses on history culture politics and practices Beyond the surface the films also address universal and intricate themes transcending cultural boundaries The book delves into a range of lesser explored aspects regarding the films and filmmaking of Apichatpong developing fresh perspectives on the representation of nonhumans hybrid forms transmedia plot technique production among others With meticulous analyses of his key works this interdisciplinary study unveils the threads that bind Apichatpong s creative practice innovative techniques and philosophical insights An essential read for cinephiles scholars and seekers of cinematic depth this book uncovers the vibrant tapestry of

meaning within Apichatpong's enigmatic film worlds An Almanack... Joseph Whitaker, 1909 Proceedings of the Royal Geographical Society and monthly record of geography, 1881 **Mekong—The Occluding River** Ngo The Vinh, 2010-07-14

Part travelogue part history and part environmental treatise Mekong The Occluding River is above all else an urgent warning that factors such as pollution ecological devastation and the depletion of natural resources are threatening the very existence of the Mekong River Author Ngo The Vinh combines his vivid travel notes and collection of photographs with a meticulously researched history of the environmental degradation of the Mekong River Translated from Vietnamese the best selling treatise outlines the myriad threats facing the river today From oil shipments feeding the industrial cities of southwestern China to gigantic hydroelectric dams known as the Mekong Cascades in Yunnan province China is the worst environmental offender though the other nations along Mekong's banks behave no better From Thailand to Laos to Vietnam hydroelectric dams that threaten the Mekong and its inhabitants are being built at an alarming rate To save the Mekong Ngo The Vinh calls upon all the nations that benefit from its life giving water to observe the Spirit of the Mekong in the implementation of all future development projects To achieve this end there must be a concerted and sustained commitment to cooperation and sustainability At this critical cross roads we should remind ourselves of the mantra from Sea World San Diego Extinction is forever Endangered means we still have time Irrigation in Southern and Eastern Asia in Figures Karen Frenken, 2012 The AQUASTAT Programme was initiated with a view to presenting a comprehensive picture of water resources and irrigation in the countries of Africa Asia Latin America and the Caribbean and providing systematic up to date and reliable information on water for agriculture and rural development This report presents the results of the most recent survey carried out in the 22 countries of the Southern and Eastern Asia region and it analyzes the changes that have occurred in the ten years since the first survey Following the AQUASTAT methodology the survey relied as much as possible on country based statistics and information The Journal of the Manchester Geographical Society, 1894 **Proceedings of the Royal Geographical Society and Monthly Record of Geography** Royal Geographical Society (Great Britain), 1881

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