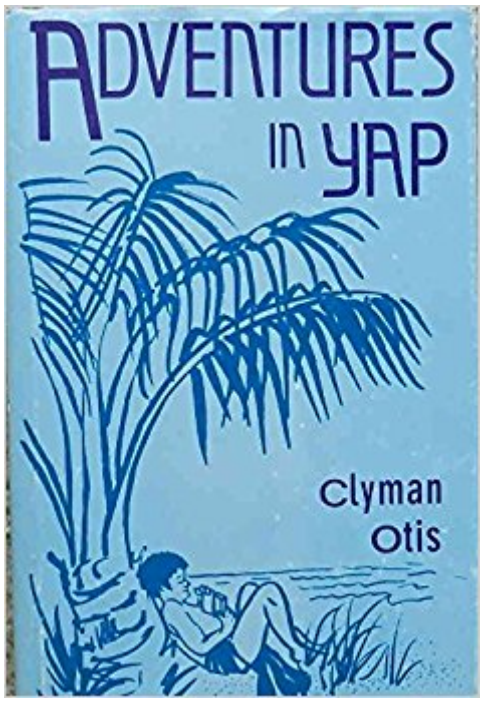
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This book was great! I laughed out loud at parts, learned a few things and loved the pictures. Clyman Otis is an author with amazing wit and wisdom. Check out his other "Adventure" series books as well. You won't regret it!

The pilot in the story is a friend of mine and I sure enjoyed reading about the author's experience.

HAVE AN ADVENTURE WITH A YOUNG CIVIL ENGINEER ON ISLANDS THAT MAKE UP THE FEDERATED STATES OF MICRONESIA IN THE SOUTH PACIFIC ADJUSTING TO A NEW WORLD SEVERAL DECADES BEHIND THE REST OF THE WORLD. THE ENGINEER WHO IS THERE TO BUILD A LANDING STRIP DISCOVERS MANY RELICS OF WWII WHICH REQUIRE THE U.S. NAVY SEABEES TO INTERCEDE.YOU WILL BE WILDLY AMUSED AT THE AUTHOR'S ATTEMPTS TO DEAL WITH MANY UNIQUE PEOPLE AND SITUATIONS WITH ROOMMATES WHICH INCLUDE ROACHES, ANTS, TERMITES, AND GECKOS. THE ENGINEER SEEMS TO DEVELOP A PROTECTIVE RESPECT FOR HIS NEW BUDDIES, NEVER SAYING IF OR HOW HE CLEARED THE HOUSE OF THEM, SOON TO SHARE HIS HOUSE WITH WOMEN PEACE CORPS VOLUNTEERS WHO ADD TO HIS ADJUSTMENT DIFFICULTIES.FLYING WITH HIS FRIEND AND AIRLINE CAPTAIN RALPH OF ''PACIFIC MISSIONARY'' OR ''MAYBE AIRLINES'' IS PROBABLY THE MOST HILIARIOUS PART OF THE AUTHOR'S ADVENTURE. YOU ARE SURE TO RE-READ THIS SECTION AND LAUGH EACH TIME.EXPLORING OTHER

ISLANDS AND WATCHING THEIR PEOPLE AND VISITING THE CITIES'LARGER STORES THAT HAVE GROCERIES AND SUPPLIES ON THEIR SHELVES IS FOR HIM LIKE TOURING A MUSEUM AS HE STROLLS THE STORE AISLES APPRECIATING ALL THE FOOD STUFFS AND RARE ITEMS THAT HE PRACTICALLY REVERES AS ART, LEAVING HIM WISTFUL. THE FUNNIEST LINES IN THE BOOK COULD EASILY BE ABOUT THE AUTHOR'S SATURDAY NIGHT ACTIVITIES WHICH GUARANTEE YOU A LAUGH OUT LOUD. THE TOPLESS NATIVE WOMAN AND THEIR HABITS WILL KEEP YOU WIDE- EYED. THE ENGINEER'S VISITORS SEEM TO BE ENTHRALLED WITH THEIR DISCOVERIES, TAKING IN ALL THE SIGHTS FROM EVERY ANGLE WITH OR WITHOUT CAMERAS. CLYMAN OTIS HAS A SMART, INSIGHTFUL SENSE OF HUMOR THAT PIERCES THE SITUATIONS AND GIVES THE READER LAUGH AFTER LAUGH. YOU WILL FEEL YOU ARE ON THE ADVENTURES WITH HIM AS HE EXPLORES YAP, THE OUTER ISLANDS, AND LARGER CITIES. YOU WILL APPRECIATE HOW HE DEALS WITH THE NATIVES WHO TRUST HIM. THIS BOOK WILL BE KEPT CLOSE AT HAND FOR RE-READ, AND EACH TIME YOU WILL GET A GREAT DEAL OF PLEASURE EXPERIENCING SOME NEW ASPECT FROM YOUR OWN VIEWPOINT. YOU WILL FIND YOURSELF THINKING HOW YOU WOULD DEAL WITH THESE CHALLENGING SITUATIONS. YOU WILL WANT TO RETURN TO YAP SOMEDAY SOON TO BECOME CLOSER FRIENDS WITH CAPTAIN RALPH, AND THE CURIOUS NATIVES, AND TO SEE ANY CHANGES IN YAPENESE SOCIAL MORES, NORMS, AND ANY SOCIETIAL CHANGES THAT MIGHT BRING THE ISLANDERS INTO THE 21ST CENTURY.

While I have traveled to the Far East many times, I have often dreamed of a journey to a South Pacific island paradise (you know, just like in the movies). Unfortunately, I was never afforded the opportunity. Being a ham radio operator, I had at least heard of YAP since I had talked to other hams in Micronesia. When I ran across "Adventures in YAP" I just had to read it! Clyman Otis, an Indiana Jones look alike (see the back cover), writes in a way that brings the whole adventure to life. I found that once I started reading the book I couldn't put it down. Here is a guy dumped in the middle of a `South Pacific Paradise' with the same expectations I would have had and finds that things are not always as they seem to the outsider. The humorous nature of the book makes it easy, enjoyable and exciting reading. It certainly gave me a new perspective of life in a `South Pacific paradise'. Great Book (I've read it twice) and I am looking forward to reading about some of Clyman Otis's other travel adventures soon.

A short read that will keep you laughing from cover to cover and an excellent primer detailing what to bring with you if you're going to be spending any significant amount of time in this Micronesian paradise. Clyman is a gifted wordsmith and a detailed observer of his environment with a finely honed sense of humor. Not your every day nail biter Adventures in Yap is a hilarious compendium of events that occurred in his life while living and working in Yap. Read it for fun and entertainment and to learn a bit about the natives that inhabit Yap.

While many people have travelled to islands in the South Pacific, Clyman Otis has given us a window to a very different look at paradise. Living and working for several years on the remote island of Yap, Clyman somehow manages to keep his sense of humor through all the difficulties of culture shock, Pizza Hut withdrawal and learning to live and work with the Micronesians. It would be nice to hear more from Clyman. Perhaps further adventures, or what lasting impressions his time in Micronesia left on him. Fun to read, "Adventures in Yap" will alter your image of an island paradise.

This is a absolutely delightful book. The author has a sense of humor that pulled the guffaws out of me many times in the reading of Adventures in Yap. A must read for any person who has ever traveled the Pacific or was ever curious about Island Life. While reading this book I felt as though I was in a conversation with Mr. Otis. Hilarious, raucous,funny and believable.

The writer's humor of his experience on this small South Pacific island is a real treat. The island jumping in a small, local plane, the roaches taking up residence with him, his description of the rain and island lifestyle, and, well, there is much more. You'll enjoy the pictures and wish you were there. Oh, and there was the story of the betel-nut chewing, but I don't want to write about that. After reading the book, I asked a business acquaintance of mine if she had heard of Yap. She said yes. I was so surprised and amazed, I bought her lunch.

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