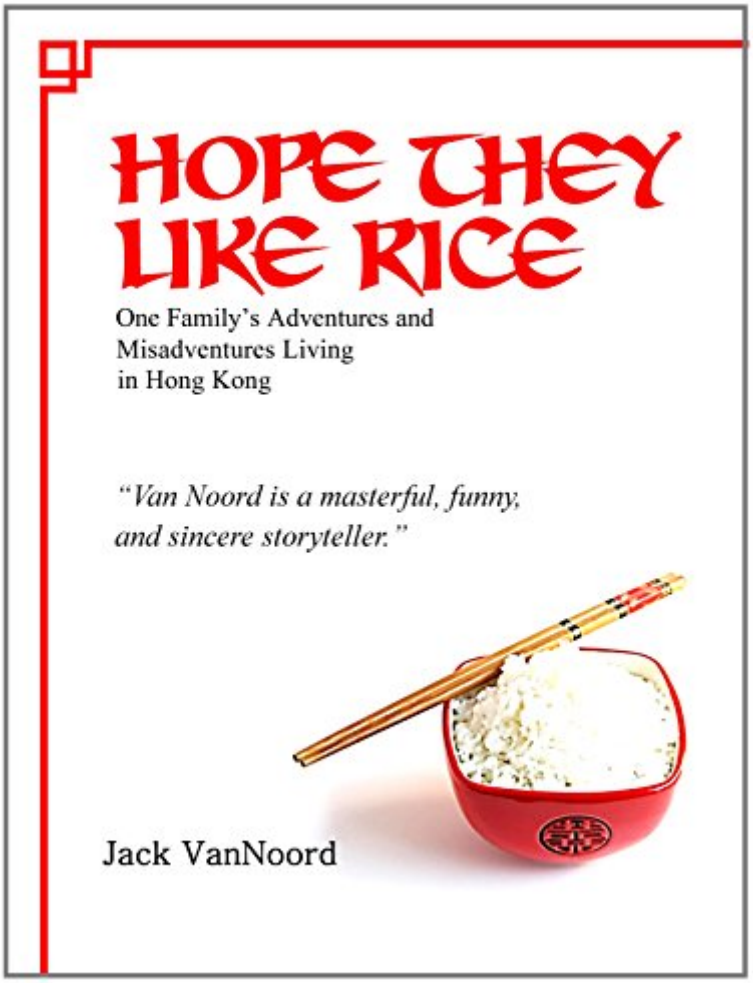
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Synopsis

A Midwestern father relocates his wife and adolescent daughters to fast-paced, crowded Hong Kong for two yearsÃ¢â ¬â„¢ worth of cross-cultural adventures and misadventures. Alternately funny, touching, and insightful, Hope They Like Rice captures in vivid detail the American expat experience living in Southeast Asia.

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Customer Reviews

Jack Van Noord is a self proclaimed wanderlust seeker. As he tells in "Hope They Like Rice" his hunger for adventure began in his twenties after a time of exploration in Japan. However, after getting married, having two kids, and developing a teaching career of over 20 years the opportunities for wanderlust were few and far between. That is until one day when his hunger for adventure was once again stirred after discovering his old backpack that he used in his Japan exploration. After realizing his deep rooted need and hunger for adventure he presented the idea to his family of moving to Hong Kong to teach, and this is the story of his families adventures together.In "Hope They Like Rice" Van Noord does what few authors can do. He tells an engaging

story that is autobiographical, historical, comedic, and even at times spiritual. Reading "Hope They Like Rice" feels like a personal tour into the lives of the Van Noord's, especially Jack, while simultaneously having Jack as a Tour Guide through Hong Kong."Hope They Like Rice" is full of fascinating, touching, and downright hilarious experiences in Hong Kong that are sure to stir the affections of anyone who has hunger for wanderlust like Jack. So, wanderlust seekers beware, this may just be your backpack encounter experience that will lead to a new adventure of your own!

So very heartwarming and funny, I highly recommend. Best parts are his self deprecating humor and the insight into how often fathers think about their families and analyze how everyone is doing. Jack's honesty with himself translates very easily to his honest observations of a new culture. For those who love to travel, the notes on what is different and new is fascinating for sure, but what makes it a great read is the parallel commentary of his own adjustment and his families adjustment as well. As you read of each new adventure, you also hear the expectations of what the adventure was supposed to be. Sometimes the author is disappointed with an event or experience, but you are right there with him, as he admits it, and realizes his expectations were too big, or too lofty. He more then often lands back down to earth in this thoughts, and then, and only then, he is able to appreciate the moment he is in, and the amazing fact that he is actually "living in Hong Kong." You don't have to have had an expat experience to enjoy this book. The topic is travel, but the real substance is all about being human.

This book was funny, intellectually stimulating, relatable, and left you wanting to meet the man and his family behind the book. A must read for anyone who is considering an expat experience, has lived abroad, enjoys reading about travel and/or family dynamics, or simply wants to know more about Hong Kong.Would love to hear this read by the author and his family in audio form! Mr. VanNoord's wife and daughters are real troopers! What an amazing experience his dream to travel brought them all though.

VanNoord's book is a family story full of laughs, cultural tidbits, and a fun ride throughout Hong Kong. He describes his family's experience and adventures from moving everyone accross the seas for two years. Through this book you get to go to the excitement, the miscommunications, and the funny situations of an expact life.If you're ever wondering about what it takes to live in another country, then this is a good book to look at the expat life. Jack talks about the ups, the downs, and the funny situations during their time abroad.I highly recommend it! Download it today.

As someone whose path crossed with Jack and his family's while teaching in Hong Kong, I found it hard to put this book down. I could relate to many of the places, adventures, stories, and people throughout the book. His details make you, as the reader, feel as if you are on the adventure with him and his family, and his sense of humor weaved throughout the entire book make it a real page-turner. My only word of caution: if you read this book, be ready for the travel bug! It already has me wanting to pack my bags!

Jack has captured what it is like to uproot one's life and go to live in another country. The differences are obvious to begin with, then the human element kicks in and you find people and life in general mean that your life begins to take on the patterns of the hitherto new country. Hong Kong is amazing and Jack has managed to convey this in this book.

Witty, clean and a clear look into life as an expat family in Hong Kong. This book provides a well-rounded perspective on a variety of aspects of "normal" daily life and also the exotic life of a world traveler. Go ahead and make sure your passport is current...you may very well be ready to travel to East Asia by the time you finish the book!

I enjoyed hearing about how the city and the New Territories have changed (and not changed) since I was there in the late 60's. With all those pictures taken, a few sprinkled through the book would have been fun to see. Good reading for people who enjoy traveling. Thanks for sharing a piece of your life!

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