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内容概要

China is located in east Eurasia and on the Pacific west coast, covering 9.6 million sq.km of land and 3 million sq.km of sea. It stretches across four time zones east to west and covers 5,500 km north to south, while the elevation gap between its highest peak and lowest point reaches nearly 9,000 meters. The great geographical differences and contrasts have made this land both dynamic and magnificent. There are snow-capped mountains, glaciers, evergreen rain forests, desolate gobis and deserts, vibrant lakes and coasts, spectacular valleys and waterfalls, and boundless grasslands and wetlands. In China, almost all types of natural scenery that exist in the world can be found, and this book intends to help you learn something about its beauty.

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插图：Usually it takes millions of years for a sea to turn into land, but this could be realized in a few months at the Yellow River Delta. Only here can the rapid transformation of land and sea be witnessed. The Yellow River Delta is located at the river's estuary in north Shandong Province. Like a huge yellow dragon, the Yellow River carries a large quantity of sand and silt and roars through until it gushes into Bohai Bay, dyeing a large area yellow. Each year the river carries more than one billion tons of sand and silt from the inland to its estuary, which gathers sediment to form the "newest land" on the earth and constantly pushes the coastline forward, at an annual average speed of 2 to 3 km. As a result, China sees an increase of its land by scores of sq. km every year. The Yellow River Delta is a huge sector of land centered at the course of the Yellow River, with those areas farthest from the sea in existence from the earliest times. Therefore, walking from the inland to the seaside along the river can yield answers to the mystery of the transformation of land and sea.

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