

In Lieu of Galleys

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Synopsis

Travel writer Dave Norman arrives in Seoul, Korea, to meet up with Josh, a childhood friend he hasn't seen in years. They plan to travel together from Beijing to Warsaw by railroad, rekindling their old friendship on an epic adventure across Eurasia...but quickly realize that they have become very different men from the boys there were as friends. "Following Josh" is the travelogue of their adventures from China to Poland along the Trans Mongolian and Trans Siberian railroads...and the memoir of their reconciliation as each man faces his own tests of character.

After teaching abroad, Josh is on his way home to begin his "real life" back where he left it—in his parents' suburban basement. Dave is on his way from their hometown to begin his future in New York City by getting married and starting a new job. While traveling in opposite directions through life—out into the world, and back from it—they yet travel together through exotic lands.

"Following Josh" is a travelogue as well for their spiritual journey, and a history of the cultures passed through. The prose weaves regional history and cultural insight into a vivid backdrop for the author's adventures, taking readers well off the beaten path in fascinating countries and dramatic spiritual ground.

A surprise ending leaves the characters in each others' shoes, one destined for failure and the other right where he needs to be—alone, bound for further uncharted waters. Life is not often tidy...but is always an adventure.

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