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In this age of navigation apps and Google maps, writer Jessica Zafra recommends getting lost as the best way to explore a foreign city. In her new book, *Twisted Travels: Rambles in Central Europe*, she gets drunk in Prague, wanders through haunted castles in Cesky Krumlov, browses through bookstores in Budapest, and relives the complicated histories of Warsaw and Krakow. Along the way she visits the Vienna Opera, loses her luggage in Rome, imagines an alternate life in Venice, and becomes embroiled in a Parisian petty crime drama.

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In the Land of Pagodas: A Classic Account of Travel in Hong Kong, Macao, Shanghai, Hubei, Hunan and Guizhou / Alfred Raquez

Nordic Institute of Asian Studies (NIAS),Denmark 2017  
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China, 1898: a time of war, intrigue and growing foreign power. Onto the scene comes a Parisian fugitive with a gifted pen and a journalist's eye. Alfred Raquez drifts from Indochina to Hong Kong, Macao and Canton before falling in with a group of shady entrepreneurs in Shanghai with interests far up the Yuan River. In short order, Raquez sets off on a rollicking voyage into the heart of the lawless Miao-country, pen and camera in hand. The result is a richly recorded adventure told from the perspective of a wandering French boulevardier. *In the Land of Pagodas* takes readers on a picaresque journey that is as much "Moulin Rouge" as it is "Heart of Darkness", and in its narration reveals much about the derring-do and startling hypocrisy of the colonial enterprise.

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