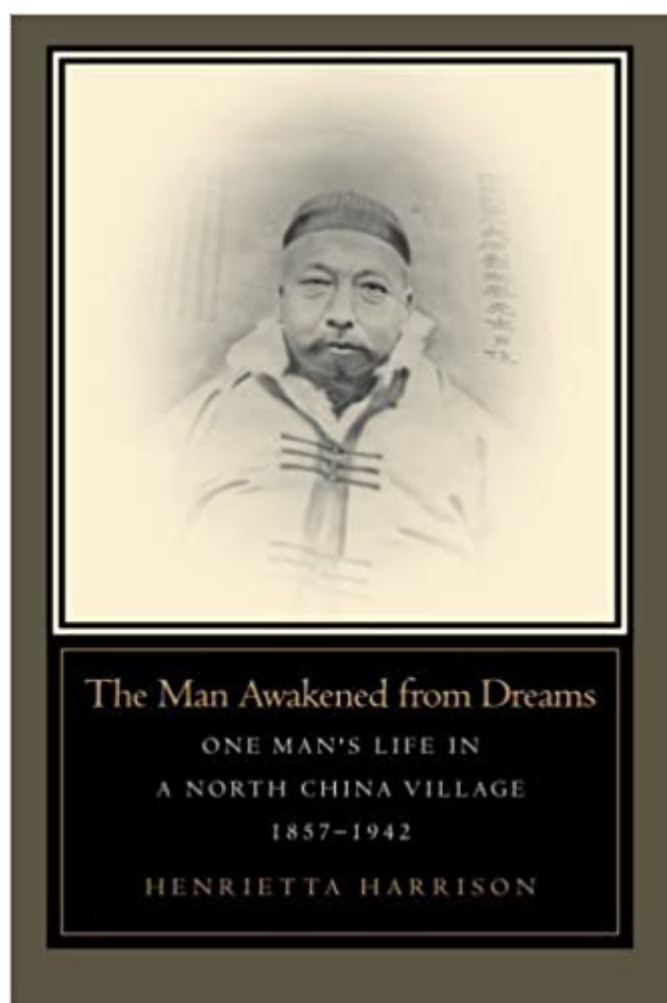


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The Man Awakened From Dreams: One Man's Life In A North China Village, 1857-1942



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I'm pretty sure it has its historical merits, but I found it extremely boring.

good quality

Based on nearly 400 volumes of Liu da peng's diary and other writings recorded over 50 years , this slim book illustrates what life was like under the Manchus and under the Japanese occupation. I find this book fascinating. Harrison writes well and neatly conveyed details of every day's life in a China village in the context of momentous changes in China. Her research is thorough. I highly recommend this book.

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