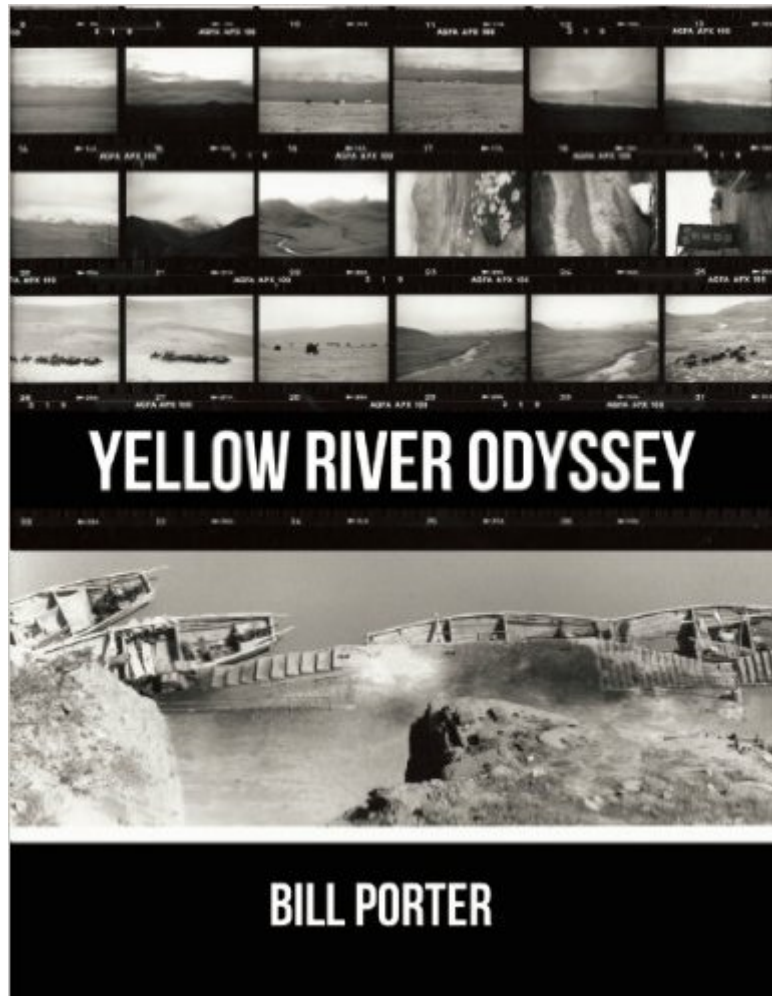


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Synopsis

Bill Porter follows the Yellow River, the world's sixth longest river, from its mouth to its source high in the Tibetan Plateau, a journey of more than three thousand miles through nine Chinese provinces. The trip takes the master translator into what was once the cradle of Chinese civilization and to the hometowns and graves of key historical figures such as Confucius, Mencius, Lao-tzu, and Chuang-tzu. Porter's depth of knowledge of Chinese history and culture is unparalleled. *Yellow River Odyssey*, already a bestseller in China, reveals a complex, fascinating, contradictory country. Porter masterfully digs beneath China's present-day materialism and the deep wounds of the Cultural Revolution to get at the roots of Chinese culture. And he does so with an ever-present wit and a keen eye for the telling detail. The book also includes more than fifty black-and-white photographs taken by Porter during his travels. Bill Porter is an award-winning author and translator also known by his pen name, Red Pine. He is considered one of the foremost translators of Chinese texts, especially Buddhist and Taoist poetry and sutras. His translation work includes major Buddhist texts such as *The Platform Sutra*, *The Diamond Sutra*, and *The Heart Sutra* as well as the best-selling poetry collections *Taoteching* and *Collected Songs of Cold Mountain*. He is also the author of *Zen Baggage* and *Road to Heaven: Encounters with Chinese Hermits*. Porter lives in Port Townsend, Washington.

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This is an enjoyable book by Bill Porter, better known by his pen name "Red Pine", describing his early 1990s journey along the length of the Yellow River, beginning from where it enters the sea in

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This is well written and quite interesting. Porter knows Chinese history and though I've been to China 4 times, after reading about his journey to the source of the yellow river, I want to go again. Will have to pass this book on to my wife and see if works as well on her.

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