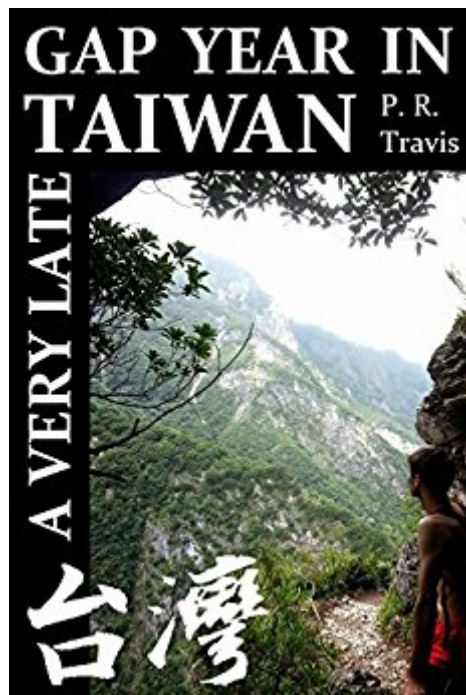




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A Very Late Gap Year In Taiwan: I Spent One Year Teaching ESL In Asia, So You Don't Have To.



Synopsis

When I left my job as an aerospace engineer in New Hampshire, I thought I wanted to be a biomedical engineering graduate student in Florida. Three years after that I decided what I really wanted was to travel the world, starting with East Asia. Now I want to be a writer. This is my story, starting with my departure from the PhD program in June of 2013, and ending in early 2015.

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Customer Reviews

I just finished this book and it was so much more than I thought it was going to be. PR went halfway across the world for more than just an experience. He went searching for something... 'a missing piece'. And while I doubt he found what he was searching for, I so enjoyed the story of his journey. At times funny, at times sad... PR's late gap year story flows well and grips the reader in this quest. There were a few instances where I thought PR sounded whiny.... in my mind, maybe self-absorbed. But, these instances were few and far between and I was able to get past that with PR's everyday life stories in adapting to a completely different way of life. I'd recommend this book to anybody who's considering anything of this magnitude, who's looking for something... perhaps

not easily named, but readily familiar, to anybody who's questioned the meaning of life. Good job PR.

I'm only halfway through, but so far it's insightful, thought-provoking, and surprisingly witty. Travis' prose acts like an umbrella in monsoon season...your head will stay dry, but your sandals will still get soaked.(Although I reserve judgement to change my rating once I get to the end. I hear the ending might be rushed.)

A candid tale of a young man whose high hopes collided with reality. The author doesn't strike me as whiny, just disappointed. Written well enough to keep your interest, and funny at times, as when he describes his misadventures in dining and dating in a foreign land.

Opened my eyes to the realities!

Excellent new writer, intelligent, honest and very insightful.

Travis did really look at his journey not through the rosy imagination of a fresh college graduate, but through the realistic eyes of a 31 years old. As someone going to Taiwan to be an ESL assistant, I wanted to see what others before me have to say. Although I'm not in the same program, Travis' story make me rethink about the journey ahead. The only thing that bothered me in this story is the whiny narration. Sometimes I have to shake my head and quickly swipe right to get over those parts. Otherwise, pretty interesting.

I've been a fan of Travis's blogs for sometime. He writes with clarity. His authentic voice shines through. And he has a great sense of humor. If his book is only a collection of these blogs, it will be awesome. I'm excited to read it.

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