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Jing Jing Thomas : Beijing Secrets: - Old New before purchasing it in order to gauge whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Beijing Secrets: - Old New:

0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Chinese jewel By Jussara N Pereira de Souza For those who are not Chinese speakers like myself, it is fortunate that one of the books written by Jing Jing Thomas is now translated into English. "Beijing secrets - old new" is a little jewel. Jing Jing is a Beijinger, born and raised in Beijing and at the same time, a world citizen. She is a storyteller who as a young adult worked as a librarian at the Forbidden City, exactly in the historic moment when the Chinese Central Government was establishing a department for the preservation and

proper storage of the Ming and Qing dynasties imperial archives. Those were part of the remaining 1000 sacks out of 8000 once collected and sold as worthless documents by the northern warlords when they occupied the Forbidden City. But this is just the top of the iceberg of what you can get out of the book. As you read about the corners of Beijing the way Jing Jing describes her experiences and the history associated with them, you have the vivid feeling of being there and close to understand how a Chinese person must have felt during some historical passages in their country. It was for me like coming back to the visit I did to the city some years ago. I wish I had the book at that time. It would have made my visit not just a visit, but a strong experience. "Beijing secrets - old new" makes me urge to come back and see the places with different eyes now. Jussara N. Pereira de Souza

When Beijing is mentioned what comes to mind? Only Peking Duck, the Forbidden City or the tangled 'Birds Nest' Olympic stadium? Jing Jing Thomas, a native Beijinger, returns like a migratory bird each summer to a hometown so familiar and yet increasingly unfamiliar. She leads us on a truly personal journey through tortuous Beijing alleys as momentous changes shake and shape the city - Delicious aromas floating on Ghost Street - Factory 798 - industrial art or the post-modern art industry - The faded red-light district of old Beijing - Crazy gamblers on fighting crickets - Eunuchs what did they lose and gain - The Executioners Gate - death by a thousand cuts - The world's largest antique market organised chaos Whether it is nostalgia, surprise or simply exploring the ancient weathering and avant-garde style, it is to be found in Beijing

About the Author Jing Jing Thomas, a child of Beijing, China, working in the Forbidden City historical archives never imagined crossing the ocean and travelling the world. Studying overseas opened the door to a colourful, new and fascinating world with the temptation always to explore what is around the next corner or continent. Consequently, a few records of her travels have been left behind: "A Fascination with Orange", "Don't go to Egypt else you'll become addicted", French Villages are never Wintry... and now Beijing Secrets Old New.