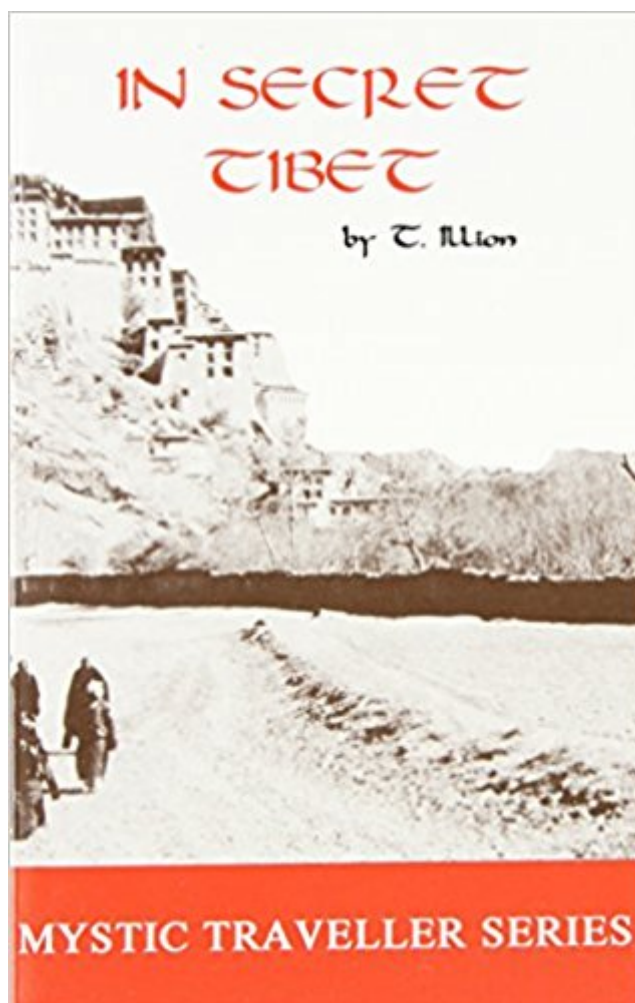




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In Secret Tibet (Mystic Travellers Series)



Synopsis

A reprint of a 1930s travel book. Illion was a German traveller who not only spoke fluent Tibetan, but travelled in disguise through forbidden Tibet when it was off-limits to outsiders. His incredible adventures make this one of the most exciting travel books. Includes illustrations of Tibetan monks levitating stones by acoustics.

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Awesome book, it really shows what one man can accomplish when he casts aside the limitations society puts on mankind. Well written, it explores the inner thoughts of a dedicated man of passion and keen insight as he walks through the ancient land of Tibet, hiding is the fact he is stranger in a strange land.

To begin, its obvious Mr. Illion never went to Tibet; there are *no* descriptions of specific places in Tibet. In fact, I think actual 'named' locations in Tibet are mentioned once or twice at most. Most of the descriptions of 'Tibet' are overly generic, and could probably have been culled from National Geographic articles. In addition, Mr. Illion has massive contempt for the Tibetan people, calling them 'gullible', 'stupid', 'unwashed' and so on throughout the book. He also harbors quite a grudge against the Lamas of Tibet, an interesting opinion in light of today's adoration with Tibetan

Buddhism. I won't even go into his cover stories of losing his camera & staining his skin... its so much garbage it shouldn't even be dignified with an explanation. Here's what I think is really going on in this book. Mr. Illion was probably a 'mystic' back in Germany, making money on speeches & teaching other Germans. This book was most likely used to give him some credibility as a real mystic (he claims to meet Tibet's 'Enlightened Masters'), and bring in more money from his audiences. The book is garbage, and contains no information on Tibet pre Chinese invasion. All you will get out of this is 1930s New Age claptrap.. avoid it.

Stephen Spiel-berg used Illion as the German heavy in his Raiders of the Lost whatever intro to the movie. The picture of Illion in the book and the movie character is obvious.

One can criticize or praise this book. Opinions are ONLY opinions. If a single thought is raised because of it than it already served the purpose. In our fast moving world something different from ready-to-use is invaluable

This is a terrible book, a racist book and really poorly written.

One of the most amazing books ever. So glad I discovered it.

Some years ago, I have read Illion's *À Darkness Over Tibet* (Mystic Travellers Series) by Illion, Theodore published by Adventures Unlimited Press [Paperback], which seems to have conveyed the truth about the insidious side of spiritual pursuits. That book has brought me to re-think about such pursuits and never take anything at face value. So, earlier this year, I've had a chance to read "In Secret Tibet," which seemed to be about his so-called "experiences" in Tibet. To be honest, I have found this book to be entertaining yet interesting because it portrays the truth about "wise" people with a tendency to lull people for their own agendas. I do think that this book is considered to be fiction to some form, but then, oftentimes a fiction can contain the deepest of truths. It is what the reader learns from these books that seemed to be important, I think, in the mind of the author. This book is much to be recommended along with his other book, "Darkness Over Tibet."

Obviously after reading the negative reviews, this book is not for everyone. It does not try to be all things to all people, just one man's spiritual journey through Tibet. His experiences with enlightened "Hermits" as well as the phoney pretenders (majority) is well documented. The companion book

"Darkness Over Tibet" even portrays the dark side of spiritual pursuits. In some respects, the author's experience is somewhat similar to the Carlos Castaneda books. Having done extensive reading in the new age and spiritual/channelled material of today, this is a refreshing first person narrative even though it was written in the 1930s. Unfortunately, a lot of the modern written stuff is full of mumbo jumbo [junk] and outright disinformation. I found this book worthwhile as the author goes through many trials and tribulations in discerning the truth from the lies and fiction of the pretenders who throw just enough truth to hook people and then divert and distort the rest for the purpose of control. The same thing occurs today as it does then. Not all things are "love and light", yet he prevails in his arduous journeys as a spiritual seeker of truth.

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