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EXPLORES CHINA



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This book is dedicated to
Oliver Zhao Dash,
already a world explorer,
born on 9th July 2013
in the Year of the Snake.



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Beijing



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Jingzhou



Suzhou

Shanghai



Jingdezhen



I remember teatime at
Highclere Castle, my
puppyhood home.

We have an old Chinese
red lacquer tea chest
in the drawing room.
Mummy explained that
tea plants originally grew
in China. I decided to go
there to explore.



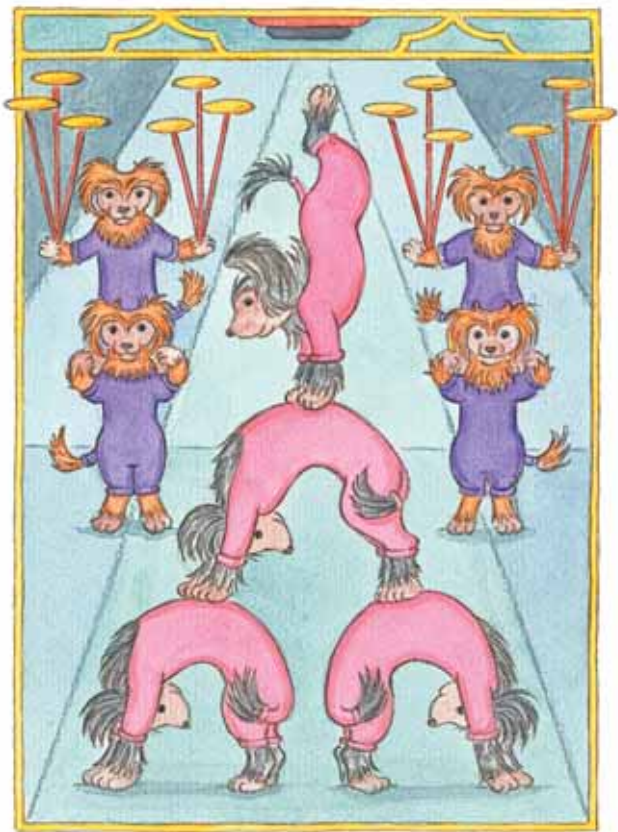


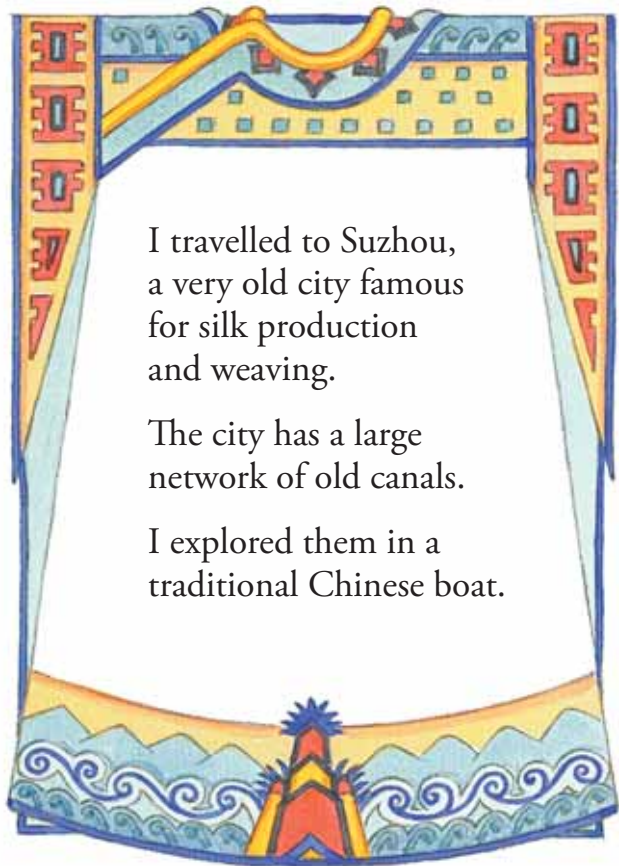
China is an ancient civilization with the world's largest population.

In Shanghai I enjoyed delicious Chinese food. It took me some time to learn to eat with chopsticks!

After supper there was a performance by Shanghai's famous acrobats.







I travelled to Suzhou,
a very old city famous
for silk production
and weaving.

The city has a large
network of old canals.

I explored them in a
traditional Chinese boat.



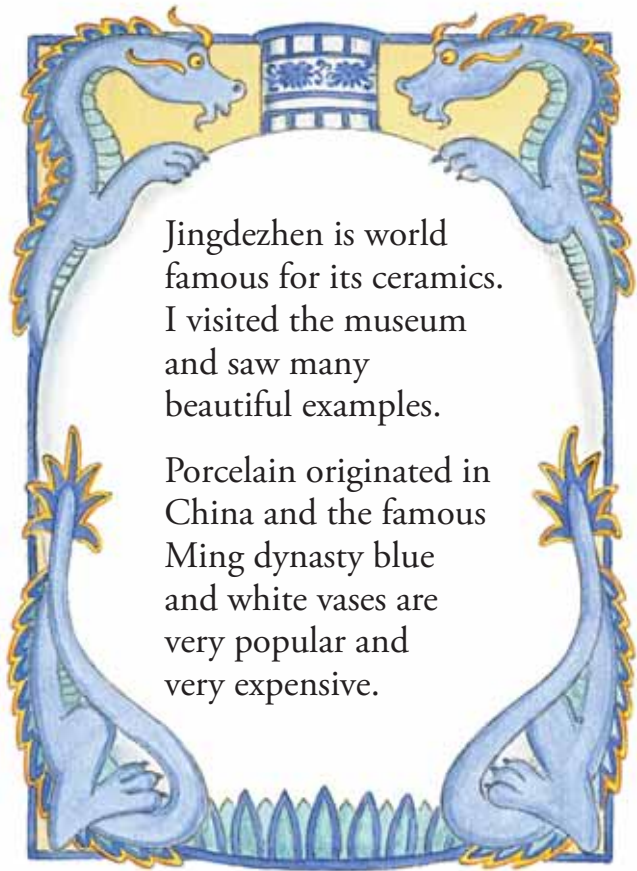
Health and well-being
are important in China.

Plants, herbs and
acupuncture have been
used over the centuries
in traditional
Chinese medicine.

I took part in morning
Tai Chi exercises in
the park.







Jingdezhen is world famous for its ceramics. I visited the museum and saw many beautiful examples.

Porcelain originated in China and the famous Ming dynasty blue and white vases are very popular and very expensive.



please • thank you

hello • my name is

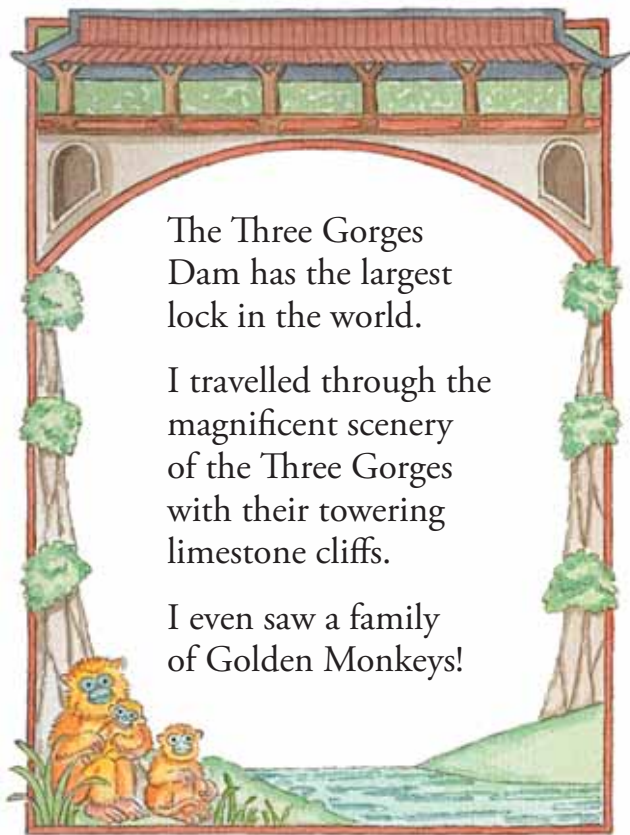
Along the Yangtze there are several elementary schools, sponsored by Viking Cruises.

I visited one and helped the puppies with their language class. Then I watched their lively dance performance.

very good • goodbye







The Three Gorges
Dam has the largest
lock in the world.

I travelled through the
magnificent scenery
of the Three Gorges
with their towering
limestone cliffs.

I even saw a family
of Golden Monkeys!



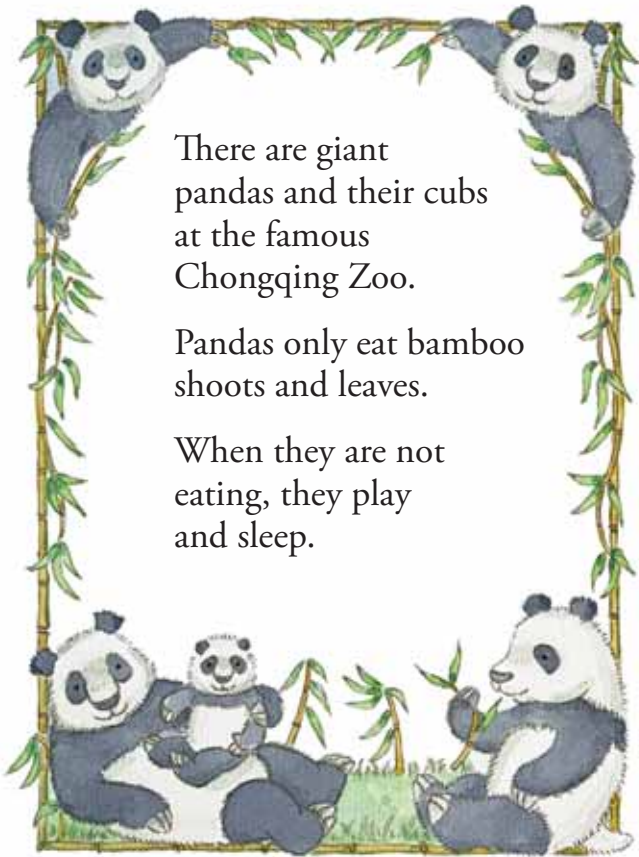
Shibaozhai Temple
appears to rise out of
the Yangtze River.

It is 12 stories high
and painted red, a colour
which brings good fortune
in China.

It is also considered lucky
to cross the bridge at the
top in three steps.







There are giant
pandas and their cubs
at the famous
Chongqing Zoo.

Pandas only eat bamboo
shoots and leaves.

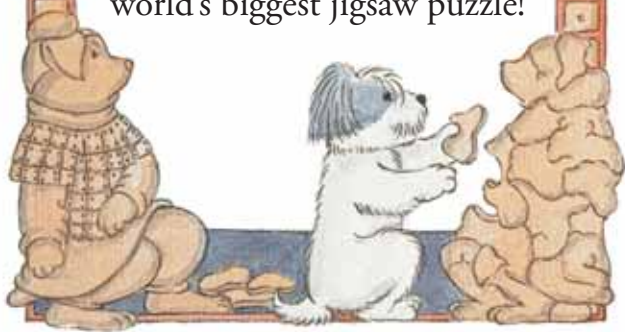
When they are not
eating, they play
and sleep.



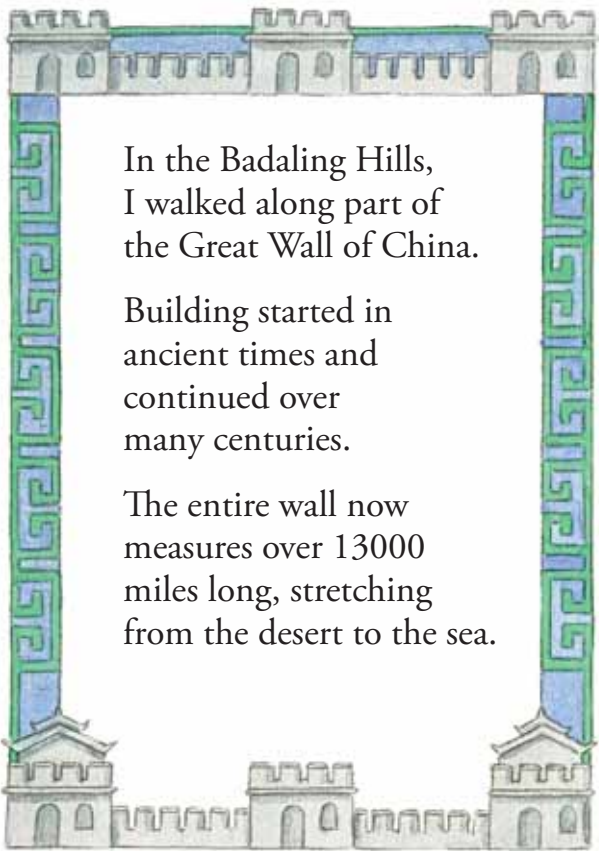


In Xian, I admired the Terracotta Army, a group of 8000 fierce life-sized soldiers, built for Emperor Qin Shi Huang over 2000 years ago.

Every sculpture is unique and every one was found broken. This must be the world's biggest jigsaw puzzle!







In the Badaling Hills,
I walked along part of
the Great Wall of China.

Building started in
ancient times and
continued over
many centuries.

The entire wall now
measures over 13000
miles long, stretching
from the desert to the sea.



For almost 500 years, the Forbidden City in Beijing was the home of the Chinese emperors.

I watched a performance by the Peking Opera, a form of traditional Chinese theatre.

The actors wear brightly coloured costumes and masks or lots of make-up.





THE CHINESE ZODIAC

Which animal year were you born in?

Approximate since China follows the lunar year

Monkey	1944, 1956, 1968, 1980, 1992, 2004 Clever & fun loving but cunning
Rooster	1945, 1957, 1969, 1981, 1993, 2005 Hardworking & smart but tactless
Dog	1946, 1958, 1970, 1982, 1994, 2006 Loyal & generous but critical
Pig	1947, 1959, 1971, 1983, 1995, 2007 Affectionate & shy but vain
Rat	1948, 1960, 1972, 1984, 1996, 2008 Charming & imaginative but selfish
Ox	1949, 1961, 1973, 1985, 1997, 2009 Strong & patient but stubborn
Tiger	1950, 1962, 1974, 1986, 1998, 2010 Optimistic & brave but obstinate
Rabbit	1951, 1963, 1975, 1987, 1999, 2011 Home loving & kind but impatient
Dragon	1952, 1964, 1976, 1988, 2000, 2012 Charismatic & intelligent but proud
Snake	1953, 1965, 1977, 1989, 2001, 2013 Wise & witty but suspicious
Horse	1954, 1966, 1978, 1990, 2002, 2014 Positive & friendly but nosy
Goat	1955, 1967, 1979, 1991, 2003, 2015 Creative & elegant but hesitant



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All through my journey,
I admired the beautiful
Chinese calligraphy.

I even had a chance to
try my paw!

Goodbye China!

Zài jiàn!

再见





DOGOLOGY

Finse enjoyed meeting the charming and unusual dogs of China and some other animals too!

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