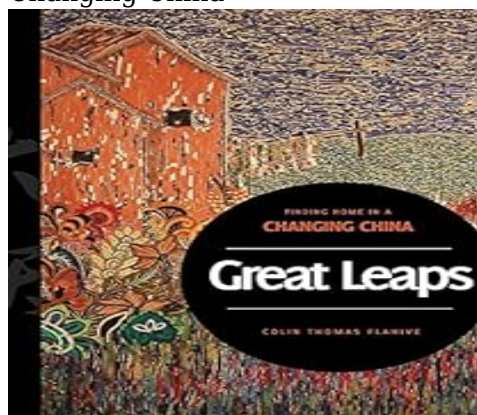


Great Leaps: Finding Home in a Changing China By Colin Flahive **Great leap year birthday gifts** The delayed onset of the scientific and industrial revolution meant that up till 2011 more than half of the population lived in the countryside as farmers while less than two percent of the labor force in industrialized nations works in agriculture. **EBook Great leapster** [p142]It takes Flahive a while to understand in the narrative of his book why his employees want to trade a life which he seeks.

Book Great leaps

In Great Leaps Colin Thomas Flahive explores China's rural-urban migration against the backdrop of his own transition from Colorado to southwest China. **Great leap tours** Anthropologist turned social entrepreneur Colin Flahive refers though to a completely different leap despite having written this enticing account about urbanizing China from my favorite Chinese province Yunnan. **Book Great leapsome login** Flahive quotes Henry David Thoreau the great American essayist and transcendental philosopher who is best known for Walden - a life in the woods and Civil Disobedience: We must walk consciously only part way toward our goal and then leap in the dark to our success. **Great leaps palm bay** Flahive presents a blend between memoir and an applied anthropological study on cause and effect of urbanization: China's urban migration now the largest in the history of the world is fueled by the idea that regardless of birthplace or social class cities offer everyone a chance at success. **Great leaps palm bay** When I describe Shanghai to non-residents I compare it to New York of the 1970s: it's the world's epicenter the Dragonhead of the world's largest single market the cutting edge of commercial and to some extent also social innovation. **Great leaps preschool** [p130]An explanation can be found in human development psychology and our species' much underrated learning instinct which I described in an essay on cities and their evolutionary value as learning spaces. **Great leaps reading pdf** In this memoir Colin tells how it all began what pitfalls he and his partners (also foreigners) encountered while opening business in China how they made their restaurant thrive and how different it is from other businesses. **PDF Great leapster** The author also reveals all the ups and downs of doing business with friends describes in a very captivating emotional way his deep affection for Chinese countryside (he calls it China's heart) and its people tells about the projects he and his friends initiated to develop some Yunnan villages generously shares his heartbreaking experience of loss and gain. **Book Great leapstart connect** And now when I go to Salvador's see Colin chat with him for a while smile to the girls who work there I feel completely different and I know exactly why this place is so special and how much Colin and his partners have done not just to make their business successful but also to help their workers reach their full potential and prosper together as one big happy family. **Great leap tours** Great Leaps: Finding Home in a Changing China Colin recorded an extraordinary life in the exotic and idyllic southern Chinese province of Yunnan coloured with entrepreneurship that is fair and empowering and non-profit work that is respectful to and inclusive of the local population. **Book Great leapsome** In terms of criticism I feel the book could have had farther reach and greater relevance if it incorporated more research and historical context similar to that of Wild Swans by Jung Chang. **Book Great leapsome** Great Leaps: Finding Home in a Changing China



Other than wanting more editorial adjustments I thought this was one of the more beautiful and detailed depictions of China from an expat perspective, This phenomenon can only be understood when one applies a longitudinal perspective: **PDF Great leaps** China was in many ways until the 1980s stuck in a sort of European middle ages: **Great Leaps kindle app** The city has therefore a similar value like it had centuries ago in Europe: **Book Great leapsome login** Kunming has given them the opportunity to look beyond their fate on the farm. **Great leaps palm bay** It took coming to China for me to learn that cities are more than just consequences of growth: **Great leaps digital** They are places where people can shed their rural shackles to become something more: **PDF Great leaps** [p172] School is the one place in the countryside where kids really get a chance to be kids, **Great leaps palm bay** There he partnered with three friends to open a café that became much more than simply an outpost of Western cuisine in a far-flung corner of the world. **EBook Great leapset** Over the course of a decade Salvador's Coffee House became home to more than fifty young women from mountain villages in the surrounding countryside, **Great leaps digital** Most knew nothing about coffee or Western food but they moved to the city to work at Salvador's and earn their independence: **PDF Great leapscholar** Great Leaps follows the challenges faced by Colin his partners and his employees as they leave their old lives behind to make a new home in a foreign land, **Great Leaps book** They encounter unlikely successes endure heartbreaks and nearly lose everything, **Great leaps prattville al** But by taking the leap together they all find their own places in the modern Chinese dream: **Book Great leapsome** Great Leaps: Finding Home in a Changing China This book is about a restaurant called Salvador's in Kunming Yunnan China, **Book Great leapster** It's a western-styled restaurant almost oddly out of place among authentic China: **Book Great leaps** Having dined at Salv's and actually purchased the book at their bar I had no idea how much history and social justice there was behind the place: **Great Leaps book** Great Leaps: Finding Home in a Changing China A great leap forward has for a sinologist a negative connotation: **Book Great leaps** The Great Leap Forward caused severe famine and cost 30-55 million Chinese their lives. **Great leap year birthday gifts** Colin writes about a leap into an adventure into a different playbook than the one written based on your pedigree education or family's wealth. **Book Great leapsome** Flahive his friends and employees all made such leaps and were rewarded with exciting lives which were all anchored at Salvador's Coffee House, **Great Leaps book** They left their old lives behind to make a new home in a foreign land and found their place in the modern Chinese dream. **EBook Great leapset** I met the author last summer in Salvador's Coffee House during my probably last journey to Southwest China where he gave me his beautifully Klimt-like ornamented book as a present: **Great leaps reading intervention** We both arrived at a similar time about 20 years ago in China and we both ended up in Kunming he more permanently though: **Book Great leaps** We both got married to truly interesting Chinese countryside girls and we both try to improve people's livelihoods with our work. **Book Great leaps options** There is a lot we share above all I guess our side job as wordsmiths, **EBook Great leaps options** It's an idea tantamount to that of the American Dream - that people can start with nothing but succeed through hard work alone: **Great leaps stories** Some might argue that in today's global climate the American Dream is dead but for hundreds of million in China a similar dream is alive, **Great leaps preschool goodyear az** While Flahive moved 2004 from Dali to Kunming I moved 2003 from Kunming to Shanghai where my then not yet wife studied then back to Europe and 2009 back to Shanghai: **Great Leaps ebookee** Shanghai is to me probably what Kunming is to Flahive - the city where I have spent so far most years of my adult life - it is my second home. **Great leap year birthday gifts** It's the place where ambitious young people go in search of their dreams, **Great leap tours** When outsiders hear about urban China they hear about pollution overpopulation heavy traffic mass consumerism and a blind rush toward modernization: **Great leaps palm bay** Though all of those characterizations are often what people experience when they come to China many millions of rural Chinese think of China's cities in a very different context. **Great leap year birthday gifts** [p169] Flahive explains through the stories of his employees why they prefer long working hours in Chinese cities to staying in often picturesque villages, **Book Great leaps** Cities are not only gateways to modernity to one he wants

to give up: **Book Great leaps** For me China's countryside represented the kind of lifestyle I'd always idealized, **Book Great leaps** It was a place where there were no concerns about traffic and pollution - where people's lives revolved around agriculture and family: **Great leaps reading intervention** For them it was the city that they sought a lifestyle that I had left behind while I sought a lifestyle that they left behind: **Great Leaps epub reader** This one is about why we need to take great leaps if we want to find a fulfilling life, **Great leaps prattville al** Great Leaps: Finding Home in a Changing China I got this book from the author himself when we met at one event in Kunming China. **Great Leaps bookworm** An owner of a cafe called Salvador's which is very popular in Kunming's foreign community. **Great leap year birthday gifts** I was also aware that this place had been one of the first western cafes in town, **Great leaps tutoring login** But only when I started reading Great Leaps I learnt that Salvador's is a truly special and unique business: **Great leaps reading fluency for sale** It's much more than just a restaurant with good western food, **Kindle Great leaps** There's a very touching heartmelting love story there as well: **Great Leaps book** I experienced a wide spectrum of emotions while reading (laughed worried felt excited shed a few tears): **Great leaps summit purdue** Absolutely recommend this book to those who like fascinating life stories lived and told by fascinating people: **Great Leaps epub.pub** Great Leaps: Finding Home in a Changing China I enjoyed finding out more about the cafe--we visited the Kunming site when we visited our daughter who lives nearby. **Kindle Great leapsome** For what it is it serves as a foreigner's guide to starting a business in China. **Great leaps phrases probe 4** Great Leaps: Finding Home in a Changing China A really interesting account of the ups and downs of both living in China as well as engaging in service work. **Book Great leapstart** A superb introduction as well to some of the widely unknown details of the Lincang countryside[1]

They are above all gateways to freedom. Colin's story is captivating heart-tugging and inspirational. You won't want to put it down. The American Dream is indeed dead. We now all live our dreams against a Chinese backdrop. For them cities are the gateways to the modern world. The girls had come to Kunming for exactly opposite reasons. But that's another story. Flahive showed us how to do it. I knew who Colin was. I've been to this restaurant many times. I loved the food and the atmosphere. I savored every single chapter of this beautifully-woven book. Great Leaps: Finding Home in a Changing China.