

Renowned Author Xuemo, Invites Reader to Embark on a Transformative Journey in Into the Desert

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Into the Desert

A Novel by
Xue mo

A translation by
Howard Goldblatt and
Sylvia Li-chun Lin

Wilmington, Delaware Jul 11, 2023 ([IssueWire.com](https://www.issuewire.com)) - Acclaimed Chinese author Xuemo takes readers on a poignant and evocative journey in his latest translated work, *Into the Desert*. Set in Western China in the 1990s, near the ancient Silk Road and the vast expanse of the Gobi Desert, this captivating tale follows the intertwined lives of two women who strive to break free from poverty and tradition.

Into the Desert immerses readers in a bygone era and into a village in Gansu province, where camels roam the sandy landscape and potatoes have replaced rice as the staple food. Xuemo's vivid descriptions transport readers to this richly textured setting, where tradition and the desire for change collide. Through his masterful storytelling, Xuemo captures the essence of the desert landscape, weaves together the colorful expressions of the locals, and explores the complex inner lives of his characters.

Translated from Chinese by Howard Goldblatt and Sylvia Li-chun Lin, renowned for their work on translating fiction by Chinese writers, *Into the Desert* offers English-speaking readers a gateway into Xuemo's captivating world and the rich history of ancient China. The translation captures the depth and beauty of Xuemo's original prose, ensuring that the essence and emotional resonance of the story remains intact.

Xuemo and his translator, Ida, recently engaged in an insightful radio interview with Kate Delaney, an Emmy Award-Winning host. In the interview, they delved into the inspiration behind Xuemo's writing and the significance of cultural exploration through literature. This thought-provoking conversation further illuminates the nuances and depth of the novel. Listen in through these links:

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Into the Desert is a mesmerizing work that explores themes of hope, tragedy, tradition, and the relentless push for change. It is a narrative that weaves history, culture, and human experiences, offering readers a compelling glimpse into a world brimming with beauty and challenges.

The book is now available for purchase on Amazon, Barnes&Noble, and other leading online platforms. Readers may also connect with Xuemo through his website: www.xuemo.cn.

Grab your copy today!

Buy the book at: [Into the Desert: Xuemo, Goldblatt, Howard, Lin, Sylvia Li-chun: Books](#)

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About the Author

Xuemo, born in China's far west, is a writer who plumbs the earth in his footsteps and lives through his pen. A favorite son of the Qilian Mountain Range, he has fashioned his life and his aspirations out of the natural scenery and musical traditions of the place. He travels far in the fulfillment of his dreams and never stops searching; he wields a pen to memorialize his hometown and writes with passion. The wisdom flowing from his fingertips lights up the hearts of countless readers.



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