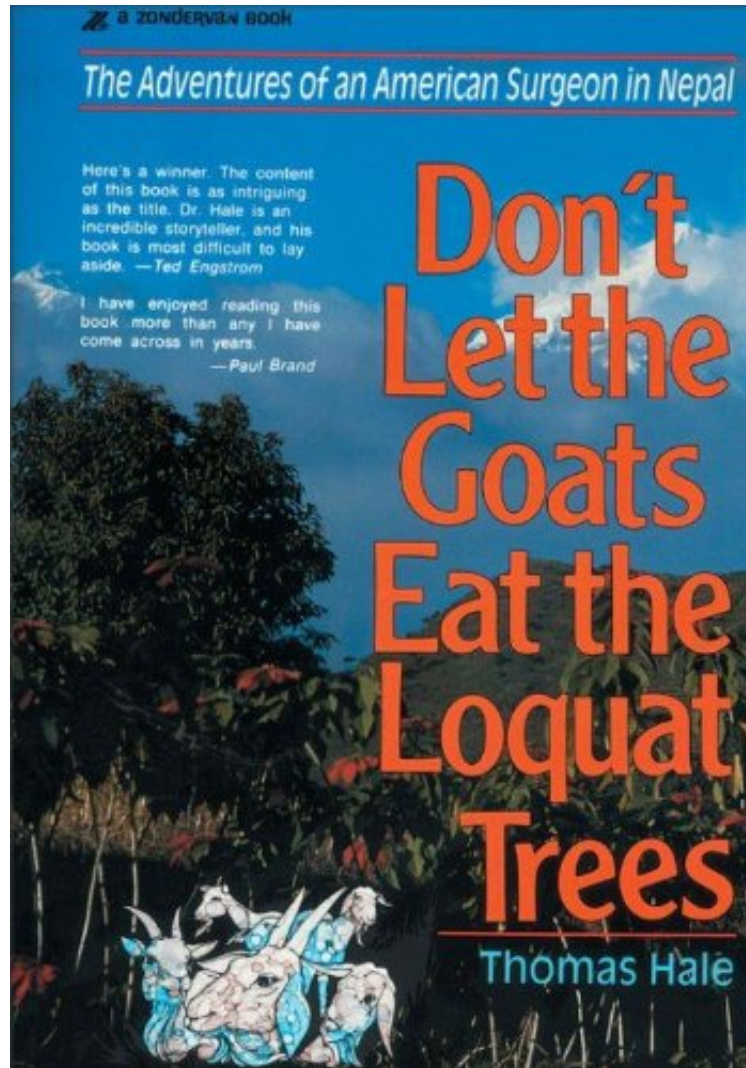


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Budhism. And above all, the author has a great sense of humor and, his faith in God is an inspiration to all. A refreshing reading for all.0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Surgeon struggles with culture, Christ is in NepalVon RobodocAs a surgeon about to embark on a secular mission to Nepal I enjoyed this book immensely, despite the proselytizing. Hale is obviously a gifted sawbones and wriggles out of quite a few strikes, demonstrations and oddities. Particularly ironic is his bout with angry villagers after killing a (sacred) cow. The use of limited resources is a must read for physicians chronically complaining about the over-manged US health care system. I wish he had spent more time on the technical aspects of the surgeries he performed, although the book is intended for a lay audience. The absence of a contemporaneous account or forward from the Nepali point of view is also noted. A good read, although shackled by it's Evangelical message.

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