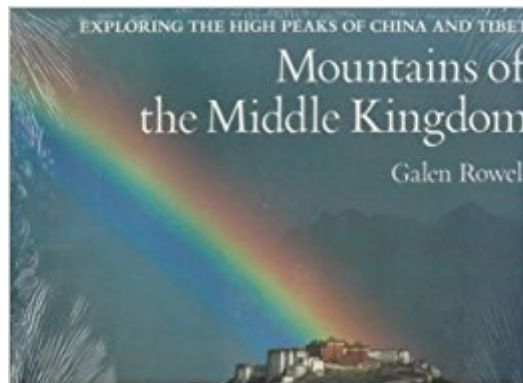




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# **Mountains Of The Middle Kingdom: Exploring The High Peaks Of China And Tibet**



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