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Runaway Girl

Nowadays, many people want to take a round-the-world tour at least once. They aim at shopping, eating and playing. I have the same idea with them. I think that it is a good time to show yourself is richer than the others and satisfy your sense of achievement.

However, after I read this book, I had another idea. Also, I was absorbed in this. The most important thing is that it lets me to know taking a round-the-world tour is not just shopping and sightseeing. There is another feeling and idea.

The writer visited many countries which are undeveloped and the poorest of the world, for examples, Zimbabwe and Myanmar. You may get a question now. Why did not she visit other places such as America, Australia and Germany? Those places must let her has lots of fun. Furthermore, she could visit many famous and good-looking tourists' attractions. Those are the benefits from the tour.

She visited ten places which in South Asia or Middle America. During the journey, she introduced many tourists' attractions and told me many truths, for example, the publics could not get any money from the tourist industry. They are impoverished and have to face many natural disasters, for examples, typhoon and tsunami. Those disasters are harmful to them and their lives bottomed out.

I believe that you have read it before or have basic cognitions. Therefore, I will tell you my feeling and comment of this book. First of all, there are few places that I concentrated in. In the book, she wrote "I went to here. My aim is not for a standard with beautiful photo. The most important thing is that I have to experience every factual during my journey." I felt shocked and I think she is right. She was not just going for fun. It showed that she wanted to discover the mistakes which the government made. I think she wanted to help the publics with a kind, warm and sincere heart. I praised her from that time. Moreover, I suppose that there are not so many people want to

discover it. Maybe they affect by the civil wars or the relationship between race.

Furthermore, in Myanmar, she found the truth was that the tourists' attractions and some historic places were under the jurisdiction of the government. They were selfish and did not take good care of the publics. I felt sad and furious for that. How could they do that? I really don't know what do they think? They earned more and more money wholeheartedly. Hardly did they concern about the people's livelihood. They must consider how they could do some strategies that they could help the publics having good lives. That were the government had to do immediately. They could not always do things that damage the society. I really hope that the government will do better then that.

The place which I love is Agama. Why? There are two reasons. The first reason was that the writer did the mountain-climbing successfully. She was very brave. I felt delighted and excited with her. She managed the problems such as Acute Mountain Sickness and living without nervous. She is the top girl of my heart. Another reason was that I learnt few adages and local dialects from the book. It was very funny. I gave my friends to guess what it means. Hardly did they guess it correctly. I think it was difficult for them to guess.

Lastly, I would like to talk about Kampuchea. This place could let me know more about the history. Do you know who "Pol Pot" is? I really do not know him before reading this book. He was a leader of an organized system of Kampuchea. You might know he killed about 2,000,000 people. When I was reading this, I felt very frightened and it was horrible. I could not imagine how he could do it. He was a "devil". I felt miserable. The dead people were innocent. Half of them were youngsters, grand persons and children. I can not accept it. Fortunately, the "devil" was executed after. It must be good news for all publics. Never do they have to be nervous and startled. Also, there is a famous historic spot which is called "Angkor Thom". Many years ago, a traveling books "Lonely Planet" introduced that place. The amusing thing was that the model of front page still sits there. He felt very happy. He held it to show her at that time. I think it must be an important time in his life.

To sum up, I feel very happy and glad that I have read this book. Why do I say so? It is because if I did not read it, I won't know many things of those places, for examples, history, cultures and some condition of the people's livelihood. It must be a great help for me to develop my knowledge. Also, I learnt some logics of human lives. Those logics can help me to face many problems that I will face in the future. They can help me to understand what situation that I or the others stand. Therefore, I will be strong and have more confidence to do anything. I hope I can be a girl like the writer to be brave and not nervous. She is a great model of my life. The most important thing is that I know traveling is not just including shopping, eating. "Traveling" is a chance for us to feel how is the world going and builds up our independent character, tolerance and so on. We can not give up when we are doing something. If we go traveling is for fun, it will lose the authentic meaning. It will change to satisfy our vanity and be pretentious person. It must waste our money and spirit. It is a chance for us to learn social skills and logics. Therefore, I will introduce "Runaway Girl" to my friends and family.