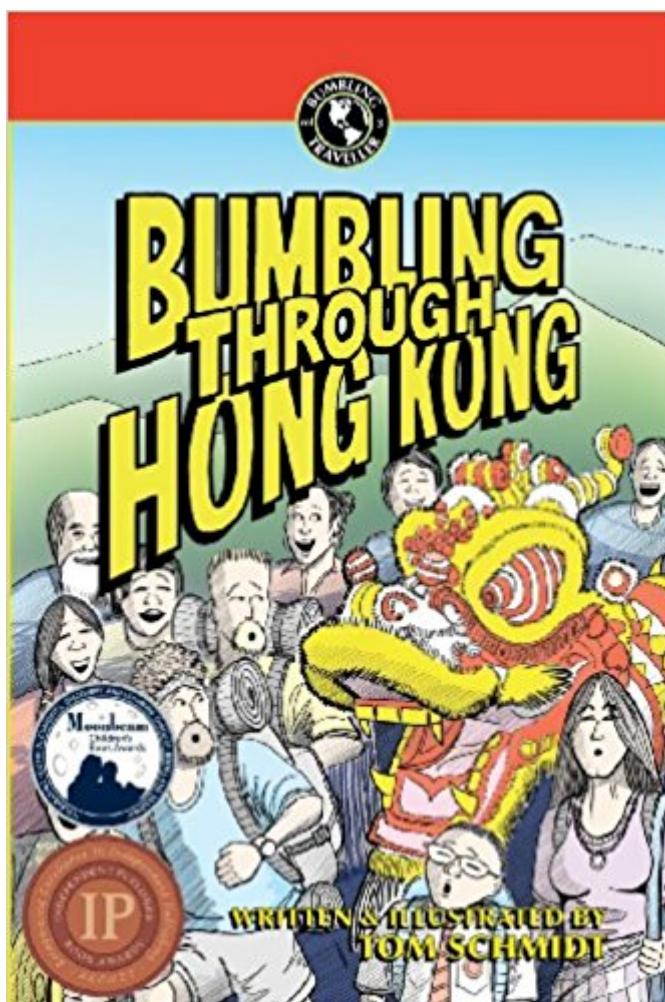


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# Bumbling Through Hong Kong (Bumbling Traveller Adventure Series)



## **Synopsis**

SILVER MEDAL WINNER in 2013 Moonbeam Children's Book Awards and BRONZE MEDAL WINNER in 2013 Independent Publishers Book Awards. Volume 3 of the Bumbling Traveller Adventure Series: Bumbling Through Hong Kong is an educational yet comical adventure through the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region, and its many manmade and natural environments. The reader is taken on an entertaining journey of discovery by following the misadventures of a fictitious cast of bumbling characters as they stumble across the cultural traditions, natural assets and historic relics of Hong Kong; including the numerous environmental and social challenges faced by one of the most densely inhabited places on the planet.

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## **Customer Reviews**

Hong Kong has amazed the world through its rapid global interaction, efficiency and cosmopolitan environment. However, behind such speed and convenience, Hong Kong's alarming per capita emissions rank second globally, if emissions from imported goods and their transportation are included. Bumbling Through Hong Kong does not provide tips of where to shop or dine out, but exposes the true cost of being a metropolis and the vivid urban pollution that residents and tourists face on a daily basis. A good snapshot of another face of Hong Kong! --Gloria Chang, Campaign Manager, Greenpeace HKPresenting Hong Kong in an interesting and casual way that not many travel books can compare. We are impressed and thank the author for introducing the normally ignored world class geological heritage of Hong Kong. Very well done and congratulations!

--Association for Geoconservation, Hong Kong The book series contain beautiful illustrations of Asian scenes and nature and many box outs with detailed information on specific socio-environmental issues or cultural traits. They are, in sum, a treat for the eye, food for the brain and a stab in the conscience ... The Bumbling Traveller Adventure Series makes a great gift for older children, young adults and anyone who needs to be clued in on the socio-environmental impacts of fast growing Asia. Apart from gaining insights on real life issues, readers will have many chuckles over the comic styled educational book that can only be Tom Schmidt's landmark style.

--Mallika Naguran, Founder, Gaia Discovery

Tom Schmidt is an award-winning architect, writer, illustrator, musician, and part-time stand-up comedian. Born in the United States, following his studies of Architecture and Environmental Design at the University of Colorado, his wanderlust has carried him through various bumbling adventures in over 70 countries around the world, while based in the Asia-Pacific region. Schmidt is a licensed US architect, a LEED® Accredited Professional, a founding member of the Hong Kong Chapter of the American Institute of Architects (AIA), a member of the American Society of Architectural Illustrators (ASAI), and a member of the Society of Children's Book Writer's and Illustrators (SCBWI). He has resided in Hong Kong since 1997, and is founder of Sepia Design Consultants Limited, an architectural consultancy specializing in sustainable hospitality design.

Another brilliant "Bumbling" from Tom Schmidt. A must-read for travelers (armchair and otherwise). The graphics will knock your sox off. The commentary is hilarious.

An architect, a carpenter and a nurse went on a journey to unravel the mystery behind the scripts on the parchment fragment that was entrusted to Bob. It was a coincidence that the script of the parchment was actually very similar to the tattoos that Helga has around her waist. They needed the person who understand the script and that was what led the group running off to Hong Kong through a series of unfortunate (but fun) events. Bumbling Through Hong Kong was the third book in the series. I read the third book without reading the first two, so I missed out a lot in terms of some potential interesting characters from the previous books. It was easy to catch up as there is a short prologue on what happened in the first two books which then brought the characters to Hong Kong. If you thought that this is just another travel book then you are wrong. Bumbling Through Hong Kong went beyond your normal travel book and infused some fun, facts and serious issues faced in Hong Kong. I would say that this is a highly educational book for those who would like to know more

about Hong Kong. The characters in the book are bubbly and they just kept going on despite encountering hurdles and setbacks. I could feel their excitement as they went one step closer to what they were seeking. The numerous amazing illustrations did a great job in bringing out the minor details of the story and of Hong Kong. There is at least one illustration on every page and each illustration is very detailed. The pacing of the story was pretty fast as Bob and the gang went from one place to another in search of the one who could decipher the script. I was thoroughly entertained as I followed Bob's journey. Besides the main storyline, little articles and information on Hong Kong were inserted into the book which served to explain certain events, items or locations in which the characters were in. These were highly informative and showed even more about Hong Kong! Overall, Bumbling Through Hong Kong is a fun, informative and engaging read which is also pleasing to the eyes. I just can't help but admire each illustration in the book. I'll definitely recommend this book to those who loves travelling or just want to know a little more about Hong Kong! Disclosure: I received a review copy in exchange for an honest review. No monetary compensation was involved.

Bumbling Through Hong Kong is an award-winning unofficial guide book extraordinaire. Three discerning backpackers with a mission to find the mysterious mastermind behind cryptic messages and ancient parchment fragments romp through parts of the territory that many people never see. Presented with an attractive comic strip, the narrative is fast-paced, humorous and engaging. Panels are subtly added for fascinating facts relating to Hong Kong's culture, heritage, geology, religion and food. Underlying the wild goose chase there are strong messages about environmental protection, heritage and important contemporary social issues. Lonely Planet move aside! Although readers are advised not to use the book as a travel guide, newcomers as well as Hong Kongers will find this book a compelling mix of fact and fiction. Jane Houng, author.

Tom Schmidt is one of those very creative writers that makes learning about history and socio-economic issues fascinating. His masterful descriptions of Hong Kong neighborhoods, customs and other issues are hidden in a fun, adventure/mystery story following Bumbling Bob, the architect and his sidekicks throughout the city and outer islands. In between the dramatic chapters are bites of useful information on what makes Hong Kong tick. Where does our water come from? where does all our waste go? how does bamboo scaffolding work, where do our traditions such as lion dancing come from and many, many more interesting facts. The book opens your eyes to many key issues Hong Kong faces and took me to neighborhoods I have never seen in over 20 years of

residing in Hong Kong. Makes me want to go explore Hong Kong again!

The book arrived in great condition, and shipped fast. Very intriguing book - many interesting tidbits about Hong Kong that I didn't know about (I grew up there!). Tom did a thorough research no doubt.

The callouts have a lot of good and useful information. Wonderfully illustrated. Something fun to read when thinking of a visit or next visit to Hong Kong. I've been many times and was surprised by how much I hadn't seen and how much I didn't know!

Bumbling through Hong Kong is a great read. Informative and enlightening. The story continues from the previous successful books, Bumbling through Borneo and Bumbling through Sumatra and although light-hearted touches on a number of important and often overlooked issues in Hong Kong. Can't wait for the next installment.

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