

Children of the tide : an exploration of surfing in dynastic China / by Nik Zanella

Description

This is the radical journey of an Italian surf punk studying Chinese in the late 1980s, fuelling surf adventures in the 1990s through work as a Mandarin interpreter, running SurfNews magazine during the 2000s, tackling the Silver Dragon river bore in 2007, and then moving to the so-called 'People's Republic of Empty Waves' to explore the virgin breaks and the surf development of China. Along the way Nik discovers an untold history of waveriding in dynastic culture. How do the breathing techniques of Daoism, the flow of calligraphy and the pragmatic values of Confucianism relate to the art of waveriding? Strangely, and quite brilliantly, this happens in the oldest continuous civilization in the world over 1,200 years ago.