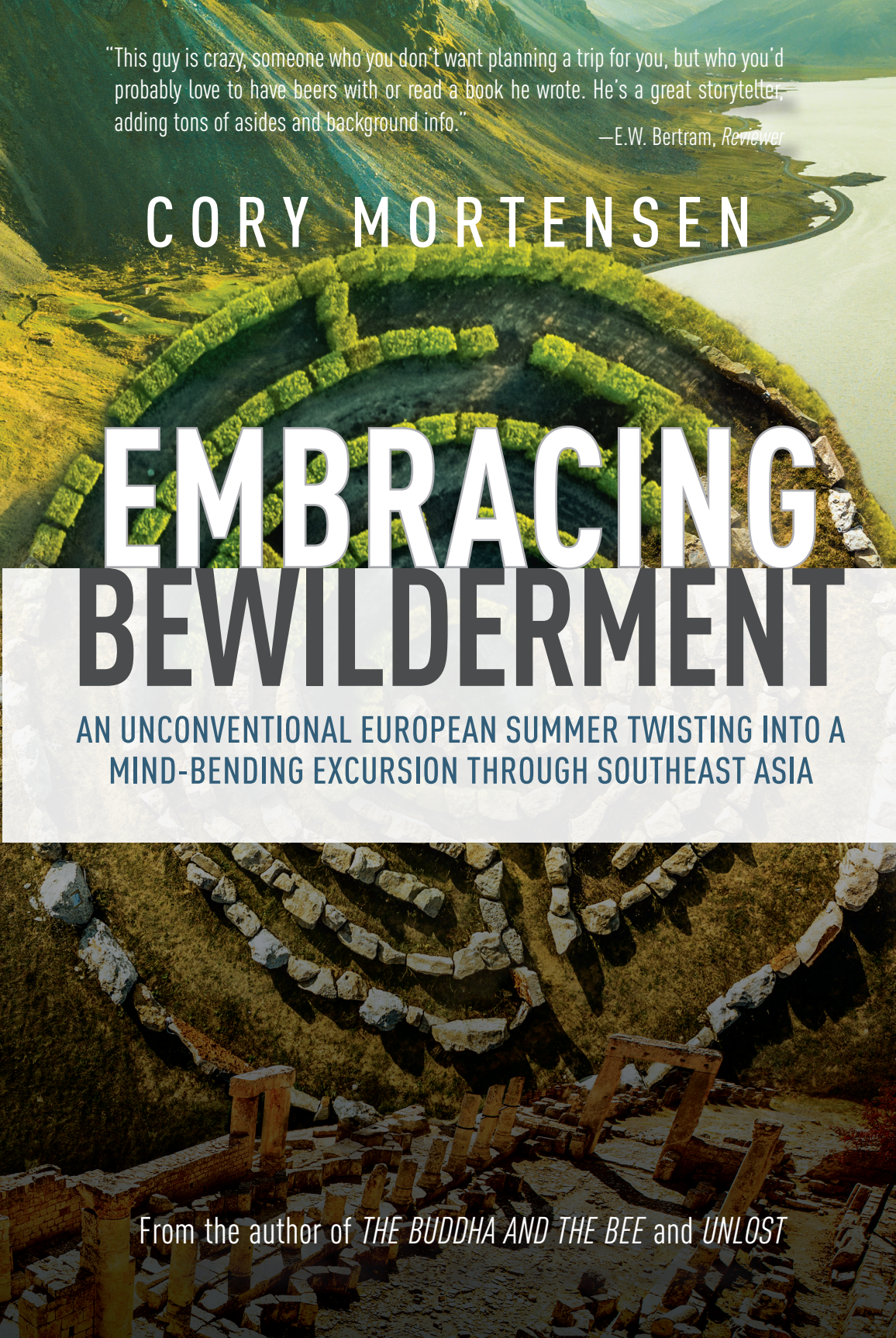


The background of the cover is a composite image. The top half shows an aerial view of a terraced landscape, possibly a rice paddy, with a winding river or path cutting through it. The bottom half shows a close-up of ancient stone ruins, including walls and pillars, with a stone wall in the foreground.

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—E.W. Bertram, *Reviewer*

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