



China

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Grade Level	Title Information	Call Number
EASY		
PreK - 2	Compestine, Ying Chang. <i>Boy Dumplings</i> . New York: Holiday House, 2009. When a hungry ghost threatens to gobble up a plump little boy, the boy tricks the ghost by convincing him to prepare an elaborate recipe first.	E C73844B
PreK - 1	Christensen, Bonnie. <i>A Single Pebble: A Story of the Silk Road</i> . New York: Roaring Brook Press, 2013. In 9th century China, a little girl sends a small jade pebble to travel with her father along the Silk Road. The pebble passes from his hand all the way to the Republic of Venice, the end of the Silk Road, where a boy cherishes it and sees the value of this gift from a girl at the end of the road.	E C4621S
2 - 3	Daemicke, Songju Ma. <i>Cao Chong Weighs an Elephant</i> . Mt. Pleasant, SC: Arbordale Publishing, 2017. 2,000 years ago, in China, a curious boy named Cao Chong solves the problem of how to weigh an elephant when the prime minister's most trusted and knowledgeable advisors are stumped.	E D1313C
PreK - 3	Hyde, Heidi Smith. <i>Shanghai Sukkah</i> . Minneapolis, MN: Kar-Ben	E

	Publishing, 2015.	H993S
	To escape the Nazis, a young Jewish boy named Marcus and his family move to Shanghai, where Marcus and his new friend Liang build a sukkah on the roof and together they celebrate Sukkot and the Chinese Moon Festival.	
1 - 4	James, Helen Foster. <i>Paper Son: Lee's Journey to America</i> . Ann Arbor, MI: Sleeping Bear Press, 2013.	E J2335P
	Twelve-year-old Lee, an orphan, reluctantly leaves his grandparents in China for the long sea voyage to San Francisco, where he and other immigrants undergo examinations at Angel Island Immigration Station.	
K - 4	Jiang, Ji-Li. <i>Red Kite, Blue Kite</i> . New York: Disney/Hyperion Books, 2013.	E J562R
	When Tai Shan and his father, Baba, are separated during China's Cultural Revolution, they are able to stay close by greeting one another every day with flying kites until Baba, like the kites, is free.	
K - 3	Look, Lenore. <i>Brush of the Gods</i> . New York: Schwartz & Wade Books, 2013.	E L872B
	During the Tang dynasty, master painter Wu Daozi creates an extraordinary mural for the emperor.	
K - 3	McClintock, Barbara. <i>Lost and Found: Adèle & Simon in China</i> . New York: Farrar Straus Giroux Books for Young Readers, 2016.	E M1325L
	When Adele and Simon take a tour of China in 1905, Simon misplaces his belongings, one by one ... but they all show up later, revealing their hiding places in Adele's souvenir photographs of the trip	
K - 4	Pennypacker, Sara. <i>Sparrow Girl</i> . New York: Disney/Hyperion Books, 2009.	E P385S
	When China's leader declares war on sparrows in 1958, everyone makes loud noise in hopes of chasing the hungry birds from their land except for Ming-Li, a young girl whose compassion and foresight prevent a disaster.	
PreK - K	Shannon, George. <i>Rabbit's Gift: A Fable From China</i> . Orlando, FL: Harcourt, 2007.	E SH193RA
	Woodland animals, each thinking of his neighbor, share a turnip left on their doorstep.	
1 - 3	Smith, Icy. <i>Mystery of the Giant Masks of Sanxingdui</i> . Manhattan Beach,	E

CA: East West Discovery Press, 2015.

SM59M

Young Min, her brother Wei, and Father Ping, the chief, face a flood then help their fellow villagers decide what to do about invaders who are approaching their Bronze Age village in China during an important festival.

PreK - 1

Yu, Li-Qiong. *A New Year's Reunion*. Somerville, MA: Candlewick Press, 2011.

E
Y903N

Little Maomao's father works in faraway places and comes home just once a year, for Chinese New Year. At first Maomao barely recognizes him, but before long the family is happily making sticky rice balls, listening to firecrackers, and watching the dragon dance in the streets below. Papa gets a haircut, makes repairs to the house, and hides a lucky coin for Maomao to find. Which she does! But all too soon it is time for Papa to go away again.

K - 3

Yun, Yeo-rim. *Liang's Treasure*. Strathfield, NSW, AUS: Big & Small, 2015.

E
Y923L

China is a huge country. Languages and lifestyles vary from region to region. Liang's Treasure tells the story of two children brought up in different communities, and how they become friends.

FICTION

7 - 10

Alban, Andrea. *Anya's War*. New York: Feiwel and Friends, 2011.

F
AL133AN

In 1937, the privileged and relatively carefree life of a fourteen-year-old Jewish girl, whose family emigrated from Odessa, Ukraine, to Shanghai, China, comes to an end when she finds an abandoned baby, her hero, Amelia Earhart, goes missing, and war breaks out with Japan.

2 - 4

Cheng, Andrea. *Only One Year*. New York: Lee & Low Books, 2010.

F
C4212O

Nine-year-old Sharon has conflicted feelings towards her copycat little sister and rambunctious toddler brother, who is sent to China for a year to live with relatives.

3 - 4

Collins, Terry. *Building of the Great Wall of China: An Isabel Soto History Adventure*. Mankato, MN: Capstone Press, 2010.

F
C6965B

In graphic novel format, follows the adventures of Isabel Soto as she explores the history behind the building of the Great Wall of China.

- 7 - 9 Hiatt, Fred. *Nine Days*. New York: Delacorte Press, 2013. F
H521N
- Tenth-graders Ethan and Ti-Anna go to Hong Kong seeking her father, an exiled Chinese democracy activist who has disappeared, and follow his trail to Vietnam and back, also uncovering illegal activity along the way.
- 4 - 6 Hood, Ann. *Pearl Buck: Jewel of the East*. New York: Grosset & Dunlap, 2013. F
H7611T03
- When Felix gets a crush on his friend Lily, who was adopted from China as a baby, he decides to try to take her back in time to learn more about China. After being caught by Maisie, the twins find themselves transported to a small village on the Yangtze River, leaving Lily behind in the present. In China, the twins meet Pearl Buck in the days just before the Boxer Rebellion. With bandits chasing them, they flee to safety in Shanghai. The twins return home to find their father and their Great Uncle Thorne at home and the Pickworth Family mystery deepens.
- 5 - 8 Kang, Hildi. *Chengli and the Silk Road Caravan*. Terra Haute, IN: Tanglewood, 2011. F
K1318C
- Called to follow the wind and search for information about his father who disappeared many years ago, thirteen-year-old Chengli, carrying a piece of jade with strange writing that had belonged to his father, joins a caravan charged with giving safe passage to the Emperor's daughter as it navigates the constant dangers of the Silk Road in 630 A.D.
- 5 – 9 La Valley, Josanne. *The Vine Basket*. New York: Clarion Books, 2013. F
L382V
- Life has been hard for fourteen-year-old Mehrigul, a member of the Uyghur tribal group scorned by the Chinese communist regime, so when an American offers to buy all the baskets she can make in three weeks, Mehrigul strives for a better future for herself and her family despite her father's opposition.
- 3 – 6 Lin, Grace. *When the Sea Turned to Silver*. New York: Little, Brown and Company, 2016. F
L6303WHEN
- Pinmei, a storyteller's granddaughter, must find the Luminous Stone that Lights the Night to rescue her grandmother, who has been kidnapped by the Tiger Emperor.
- 4 - 12 Martínez, Andrés Vera. *Little White Duck: A Childhood in China*. Minneapolis, MN: Graphic Universe, 2012. (Graphic Novel) F
M3663L
- A young girl describes her experiences growing up in China, beginning with the death of Chairman Mao in 1976.

5 - 8 Smith, Icy. *Three Years and Eight Months*. Manhattan Beach, CA: East West Discovery Press, 2013. F SM589T

Recounts the Japanese occupation of Hong Kong from 1942-1945 as Choi, a ten-year-old Chinese American boy, secretly joins the resistance and saves thousands of American, British and Canadian forces.

4 - 7 Sonnichsen, A.L. *Red Butterfly*. New York: Simon & Schuster Books for Young Readers, 2015. F SO593R

In China, a foundling girl with a deformed hand raised in secret by an American woman must navigate China's strict adoption system when she is torn away from the only family she has ever known.

6 - 12 Yang, Dori Jones. *Daughter of Xanadu*. New York: Delacorte Press, 2011. F Y1625D

Emmajin, the sixteen-year-old eldest granddaughter of Khublai Khan, becomes a warrior and falls in love with explorer Marco Polo in thirteenth-century China.

7 - 11 Yang, Gene Luen. *Boxers*. New York: First Second, 2013. (Also by author *Saints* and *The Shadow Hero*) F Y163B

In China in 1898 bands of foreign missionaries and soldiers roam the countryside, bullying and robbing Chinese peasants. Little Bao has had enough: harnessing the powers of ancient Chinese gods, he recruits an army of Boxers--commoners trained in kung fu who fight to free China from "foreign devils."

NONFICTION

N/A Rice, Earle Jr. *The Evolution of Government and Politics in China*. Hockessin, DE: Mitchell Lane Publishers, 2015. 320.951 R361E

This book provides an opportunity to explore the government and political structure of China and how the nation's government evolved and changed through history.

PreK - 1 Marx, Trish. *Kindergarten Day USA and China: A Flip-Me-Over Book*. Watertown, MA: Charlesbridge, 2010. 372.21 M3693K

Readers discover what kindergarten is like for children in Beijing, China, and Schenectady, New York.

4 - 8	Ganeri, Anita. <i>Chinese Myths and Legends</i> . Chicago, IL: Capstone Raintree, 2014.	398.20931 G1543C
	Discusses Chinese mythology and its origins, the structure of its mythological world, and the gods, goddesses, and mythical creatures featured in its legends.	
N/A	Mattern, Joanne. <i>Recipe and Craft Guide to China</i> . Hockessin, DE: Mitchell Lane Publishers, 2011.	641.5951 M4298R
	Provides recipes for several popular Chinese dishes and includes instructions on creating crafts using household items.	
3 - 5	Rau, Dana Meachen. <i>Recipes from China</i> . Chicago, IL: Raintree, 2014.	641.5951 R19R
	Recipes from China includes a variety of recipes for each meal of the day and represents different regions of the country.	
10 - 12	Cooke, Time (Ed.) <i>The New Cultural Atlas of China</i> . Tarrytown, NY: Marshall Cavendish Corp., 2010.	911 N42011CHI
	A comprehensive and highly readable account of the world's oldest living civilization, exploring Chinese culture and society from the earliest times to the glories of the imperial age.	
4 - 8	Capek, Michael. <i>Secrets of the Terracotta Army: Tomb of an Ancient Chinese Emperor</i> . North Mankato, MN: Capstone Press, 2015.	931 C1708S
	Describes the archeological wonders of the Terracotta Army, including discovery, artifacts, ancient peoples, and preservation.	
4 - 8	Deady, Kathleen W. <i>Ancient China: Beyond the Great Wall</i> . Mankato, MN: Capstone Press, 2012.	931 D3407A
	Describes ancient China, including its earliest inhabitants, government structure, major dynasties, and achievements, as well as its lasting influences on the world	
4 - 6	Mooney, Carla. <i>Great Wall of China</i> . Mankato, MN: Rourke Educational Media, 2016.	931 M779G
	For thousands of years, the Great Wall of China has stretched across China's Northern provinces. It winds like a giant, sleeping dragon from the Pacific coast in the east to the Gobi Desert in the west. But it's not the only wall in China. Learn about the building techniques used, the empires who constructed them, and what their purposes were over the centuries in this informative book.	

- 5 - 8 Branscombe Allison. *All About China: Stories, Songs, Crafts and More for Kids*. Rutland, VA: Tuttle Publishing, 2014. 951
B7354A
- An introduction to the geography, history, daily life and customs, beliefs, arts, and environment of China.
- K - 3 Markovics, Joyce. *China*. New York: Bearport Publishing, 2016. 951
M3422C
- Welcome to China! Look inside to learn about the land, cities, food, holidays, and wildlife of this incredible country
- 4 - 8 Raatma, Lucia. *It's Cool to Learn About Countries: China*. Ann Arbor, MI: Cherry Lake Pub., 2011. 951
R111I
- Describes the economy, government, people, and culture of China.
- N/A James, Oliver. *China in Our World*. Mankato, MN: Smart Apple Media, 2011. 951.06
J2356C
- Describes the economy, government, and culture of China today and discusses China's influence of and relations with the rest of the world

BIOGRAPHY

- 4 - 6 Yim, Natasha. *Cixi: The Dragon Empress*. Foster City, CA: Goosebottom Books, 2011. B
C4999Y
- An exploration of Cixi's daily life--including what she ate and how she dressed--this story explains how she became one of the most notorious figures of the Qing dynasty, fighting ruthlessly to isolate her country from the West while cloistered inside her lavish Forbidden City.
- K - 2 Potter, Alicia. *Mrs. Harkness and the Panda*. New York: Alfred A. Knopf, 2012. B
H2263P
- Traces the story of a 1930s female adventurer who brought America its first panda bear, describing how she inherited a seemingly impossible expedition from her explorer husband and defied period conventions to travel up the Yangtze River and into the wilderness to bring back an adorable panda cub she named Su Lin, which means "a little bit of something cute."
- 3 - 6 Krull, Kathleen. *Kubla Khan: The Emperor of Everything*. New York: Viking, 2010. B
K5272K
- An introduction to the thirteenth-century Chinese emperor which offers a more complete picture of the man than books which treat him as just a supporting

player in Marco Polo's adventures.

- 4 - 6 Rubalcaba, Jill. *I.M. Pei: Architect of Time, Place, and Purpose*. New York: Marshall Cavendish, 2011. B
P35R
- A biography of the renowned architect that focuses on six of his signature buildings.
- 4 - 8 Twist, Clint. *Marco Polo: History's Greatest Adventurer*. Somerville, MA: Candlewick Press, 2011. B
P766T
- Travel along the Silk Road to medieval China with Marco Polo as your guide. Meet the warlord Kublai Khan and sail through pirate-infested seas in search of riches beyond measure.
- 3 - 8 Young, Ed. *The House Baba Built: An Artist's Childhood in China*. New York: Little, Brown and Co., 2011. B
Y848Y
- In Ed Young's childhood home in Shanghai, all was not as it seemed: a rocking chair became a horse; a roof became a roller rink; an empty swimming pool became a place for riding scooters and bikes. The house his father built transformed as needed into a place to play hide-and-seek, to eat bamboo shoots, and to be safe. For outside the home's walls, China was at war. Soon the house held not only Ed and his four siblings but also friends, relatives, and even strangers who became family. The war grew closer, and Ed watched as planes flew overhead and friends joined the Chinese air force. But through it all, Ed's childhood remained full of joy and imagination.
- 4 - 8 Li, Jian. *Zheng He, the Great Chinese Explorer: a Bilingual Story of Adventure and Discovery*. New York: Better Link Press, 2015. B
Z615L
- Follow the adventures of the great Chinese explorer Zheng He (1371-1433) during the renowned Ming Dynasty in this illustrated bilingual book.

PROFESSIONAL COLLECTION

- Conklin, Wendy. *Mysteries in History. World Mysteries*. Westminster, CA: Teacher Created Resources, 2005. 909
C7614M
- Herbert, Janis. *Marco Polo for Kids: His Marvelous Journey to China, 21 Activities*. Chicago, IL: Chicago Review Press, 2001. 915.04
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