

Global China Center Recommended Reading List.
(80 books)
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Chinese History & Culture

- CHINA: A New History

John King Fairbank, *CHINA: A New History*, Belknap Press; 2nd Enlrgd edition (April 30, 2006).

- China: Ancient Culture, Modern Land, in Cradles of Modern Civilization

Robert E. Murowchick, General Editor, *China: Ancient Culture, Modern Land, in Cradles of Modern Civilization*, University of Oklahoma Press (August 1994).

- China: Tradition and Transformation

John King Fairbank, *China: Tradition and Transformation*, Houghton Mifflin Company; Revised edition (March 1989).

- God's Chinese Son: The Taiping Heavenly Kingdom of Hong Xiuquan

Jonathan D. Spence, *God's Chinese Son: The Taiping Heavenly Kingdom of Hong Xiuquan*, W. W. Norton & Company; Reprint edition (January 1997).

- Modern China: A Guide to a Century of Change

Graham Hutchings, *Modern China: A Guide to a*

Century of Change, Harvard University Press
(October 15, 2003).

- Sources of Chinese Tradition

Wm. Theodore deBary, Wing-tsit Cha, Burton Watson, Editors, *Sources of Chinese Tradition*, Columbia University Press; Second Edition edition (March 15, 2000).

- The Chan's Great Continent: China in Western Minds

Jonathan D. Spence, *The Chan's Great Continent: China in Western Minds*, W. W. Norton & Company (October 1, 1999).

- The Chinese Century: A Photographic History of the Last Hundred Years

Jonathan D. Spence, and Anping Chin, *The Chinese Century: A Photographic History of the Last Hundred Years*, Random House; 1st edition (October 1, 1996).

- The Gate of Heavenly Peace: The Chinese and Their Revolution

Jonathan D. Spence, *The Gate of Heavenly Peace: The Chinese and Their Revolution*, Penguin (Non-Classics); New Ed edition (October 28, 1982).

- The Generalissimo's Son: Chiang Ching-kuo and the Revolutions in China and Taiwan

Jay Taylor, *The Generalissimo's Son: Chiang*

Ching-kuo and the Revolutions in China and Taiwan,
Harvard University Press (October 15, 2000).

- The Great Chinese Revolution: 1800-1985

John King Fairbank, *The Great Chinese Revolution: 1800-1985*, Harper Perennial; 1st Perennial Library Ed edition (October 9, 1987).

- The Private Life of Chairman Mao

Dr. Zhisui Li, *The Private Life of Chairman Mao*,
Random House (April 2, 1996).

- The Search for Modern China

Jonathan D. Spence, *The Search for Modern China*,
W. W. Norton & Company; Reprint edition (October 2001).

- To Change China: Western Advisers in China

Jonathan D. Spence, *To Change China: Western Advisers in China*, Penguin (Non-Classics); Reprint edition (April 30, 2002).

Chinese Religion and Philosophy

- A Source Book in Chinese Philosophy

Wing-sit Chan, *A Source Book in Chinese Philosophy*,
Princeton University Press; New Impression edition
(April 1, 1969).

- Chinese Thought from Confucius to Mao Tse-tung

H.G. Creel, *Chinese Thought from Confucius to Mao Tse-tung*, University Of Chicago Press (January 15, 1971).

- Confucius as a Teacher: Philosophy of Confucius with Special Reference to Its Educational Implications

Jingpan Chen, *Confucius as a Teacher: Philosophy of Confucius with Special Reference to Its Educational Implications*, Delta Editions; Reissue edition (February 1995).

- Readings in Classical Chinese Philosophy

Philip J. Ivanhoe and Bryan W. van Norden, *Readings in Classical Chinese Philosophy*, Hackett Publishing Company; 2nd edition (February 15, 2006).

- Tao Te Ching: A Literal Translation with Notes and Commentary

Chichung Huang, *Tao Te Ching: A Literal Translation with Notes and Commentary*, Jain Publishing Company; Bilingual edition (January 2003).

- The Analects of Confucius: A Literal Translation with an Introduction and Notes

Chichung Huang, *The Analects of Confucius: A Literal Translation with an Introduction and Notes*, Oxford University Press, USA; New Ed edition (May 29, 1997).

- The Sinister Way: The Divine and the Demonic in Chinese Religious Culture

Richard von Glahn, *The Sinister Way: The Divine and the Demonic in Chinese Religious Culture*, University of California Press; 1 edition (April 20, 2004).

Christianity and China

- A Dictionary of Asian Christianity

Scott W. Sunquist, editor, *A Dictionary of Asian Christianity*, Wm. B. Eerdmans Publishing Company (June 2001).

- A History of Christianity in Asia

Samuel Hugh Moffett, *A History of Christianity in Asia.*, Volumes I and II, Orbis Books; 2nd edition (April 1998).

- A Living Sacrifice: The Life Story of Allen Yuan

Lydia Lee, *A Living Sacrifice: The Life Story of Allen Yuan*.

- A Stone Made Smooth

Ming-dao Wong, *A Stone Made Smooth*, Berean Publishers, Singapore (1995).

- Acquainted with Grief: Wang Mingdao's Stand for the Persecuted Church in China

Thomas Alan Harvey, *Acquainted with Grief: Wang Mingdao's Stand for the Persecuted Church in China*, Brazos Press (December 2002).

- **Bold as a Lamb: Samuel Lamb and the Underground Church of China**

Ken Anderson, *Bold as a Lamb: Samuel Lamb and the Underground Church of China*, Zondervan (March 15, 1991).

- **China and Christianity: Burdened Past, Hopeful Future**

Stephen Uhalley, Jr., and Xiaosin Wu, Editors, *China and Christianity: Burdened Past, Hopeful Future*, East Gate Book; New Ed edition (June 2001).

- **China: Christian Students Face the Revolution**

David Adeney, *China: Christian Students Face the Revolution*, Inter-Varsity Press (1973).

- **China: The Church's Long March**

David Adeney, *China: The Church's Long March*, Regal Books (December 1985).

- **China: The Hidden Miracle**

Ross Paterson & Elisabeth Farrell, *China: The Hidden Miracle*, Sovereign World Ltd (October 2000).

- **China's Christian Millions: The Costly Revival**

Tony Lambert, *China's Christian Millions: The Costly Revival*, Littleton, Co.: OMF Books, 1999.

- Chinese Intellectuals and the Gospel

Ling, Samuel and Stacey Bieler, eds. *Chinese Intellectuals and the Gospel*. P & R Publishing, 2000. A book with deep insight into the intellectual and spiritual issues that educated Chinese are wrestling with, and practical suggestions for outreach to them.

- Christianity in China: From the Eighteenth Century to the Present

Bays, Daniel, ed. *Christianity in China: From the Eighteenth Century to the Present*. Stanford, Ca.: Stanford University Press, 1996. The best history available.

- Confucius, the Buddha, and Christ: A History of the Gospel in Chinese

Ralph R. Covell, *Confucius, the Buddha, and Christ: A History of the Gospel in Chinese*, Wipf & Stock Publishers (January 2004).

- Fuzhou Protestants and the Making of a Modern China, 1857-1927

Ryan Dunch, *Fuzhou Protestants and the Making of a Modern China, 1857-1927*, Yale University Press (May 1, 2001).

- God and Caesar in China: Policy Implications of Church-State Tensions

Kindopp, Jason and Carol Lee Hamrin, eds. *God and Caesar in China: Policy Implications of Church-State Tensions*. Washington, D.C.: Brookings Institution Press, 2004.

- Holistic Entrepreneurs in China

Chan, Kim-Kwong and Tetsunao Yamamori, *Holistic Entrepreneurs in China*. William Carey International University Press, 2002. Creative ways Chinese believers are using new economic opportunities to build God's Kingdom.

- Jesus in Beijing: How Christianity is Transforming China and Changing the Global Balance of Power

Aikman, David. *Jesus in Beijing: How Christianity is Transforming China and Changing the Global Balance of Power*. Washington, D.C.: Regnery Publishing, Inc., 2003. A lively portrait of the growth of the house church and its influence.

- Mountain Rain: A New Biography of James O. Fraser

Crossman, Eileen Fraser. *Mountain Rain: A New Biography of James O. Fraser*. Littleton, Co.: OMF Books, 1984. A riveting modern rendition of an amazing and inspirational story of the conversion of the Lisu people of Southwest China.

- Patriots or Traitors: A History of American-Educated Chinese Students

Stacey Bieler, *Patriots or Traitors: A History of*

American-Educated Chinese Students, M.E. Sharpe
(November 2003).

- Sketches From Formosa

Rev. W. Campbell, *Sketches From Formosa*. SMC
Publishing Inc; Reprint edition (November 30, 1999).

- The Diaries of John Sung: An Autobiography

John Sung, *The Diaries of John Sung: An
Autobiography*, Translated by Stephen L. Sheng,
Luke H. Sheng, Stephen L. Sheng (1995)

- The Resurrection of the Chinese Church

Tony Lambert, *The Resurrection of the Chinese
Church*, Harold Shaw Pub (October 1994).

- The Shaping of Modern China: Hudson Taylor's Life
and Legacy

A.J. Broomhall, *The Shaping of Modern China:
Hudson Taylor's Life and Legacy*, two volumes.

- Theological Construction – or Destruction: An
Analysis of the Theology of Bishop K.H. Ting

Xinyuan Li, *Theological Construction – or
Destruction: An Analysis of the Theology of Bishop
K.H. Ting (Ding Guangxun)*, Christian Life Press, Inc
(2004).

- True Son of Heaven: How Jesus Fulfills the Chinese
Culture

David Marshall, *True Son of Heaven: How Jesus Fulfills the Chinese Culture*, Kuai Mu Press (December 6, 2002).

- Witnesses to Power: Stories of God's Quiet Work in a Changing China

Yamamori, Tetsunao and Kim-Kwong Chan. *Witnesses to Power: Stories of God's Quiet Work in a Changing China*. Paternoster Press, 2000. Highly inspiring stories of faith and ministry by Chinese in both registered and unregistered Christian communities.

Culture, Geography, Society

- Beyond the Chinese Face: Insights from Psychology

Michael Harris Bond, *Beyond the Chinese Face: Insights from Psychology*, Oxford University Press, USA (January 16, 1992).

- China Pop: How Soap Operas, Tabloids and Bestsellers are Transforming a Culture

Zha, Jianying. *China Pop: How Soap Operas, Tabloids and Bestsellers are Transforming a Culture*. New York: The New Press, 1995. Interviews with educated Chinese grappling with the wave of commercialism in the 1990s.

- China: People and Places in the Land of One Billion

Smith, Christopher J. *China: People and Places in the*

Land of One Billion. Boulder, Co.: Westview Press, 1991. Shows population pressures on resources.

- Operation China

Hattaway, Paul. *Operation China*. Asia Harvest, Publishers; Pasadena, Ca.: William Carey Library, Distributor, 2000. A detailed study of the ethnic minority peoples of China.

- Popular China: Unofficial Culture in a Globalizing Society

Link, Perry, Richard P. Madsen, Paul G. Pickowitz, eds. *Popular China: Unofficial Culture in a Globalizing Society*. New York: Rowman and Littlefield, 2002.

Journals

- ChinaSource

ChinaSource Journal and other information.

www.ChinaSource.org

<http://www.ChinaSource.org>;

[info@chsource.org \(mailto:info@chsource.org\)](mailto:info@chsource.org)

- Far Eastern Economic Review

The Review provides an Asia-focused forum for independent thought on the trends in economy, politics and society that impact the region.

<http://www.feer.com/> (**<http://www.feer.com/>**)

- Journal of Contemporary China

Journal of Contemporary China publishes articles of theoretical and policy research and research notes, as well as book reviews in the fields of economics, political science, law, culture, literature, business, history, international relations, sociology and other social sciences and humanities.

<http://www.tandf.co.uk/journals/titles/10670564.asp> (**<http://www.tandf.co.uk/journals/titles/10670564.asp>**)

- The China Journal

The China Journal is a refereed, scholarly publication that focuses on topics relating to China, Hong Kong and Taiwan since 1949. **<http://rspas.anu.edu.au/ccj/journal.htm>** (**<http://rspas.anu.edu.au/ccj/journal.htm>**)

Modern Chinese Society

- China Remembers

Lijia Zhang and Calum MacLeod, *China Remembers*, Oxford University Press, USA (December 1, 1999).

- China Wakes: The Struggle for the Soul of a Rising Power

Nicholas Kristof and Sheryl Wudunn, *China Wakes: The Struggle for the Soul of a Rising Power*, Nicholas Brealey (May 1998).

- China: Alive in the Bitter Sea

Fox Butterfield, *China: Alive in the Bitter Sea*, Bantam; Reissue edition (April 1, 1983).

- Chinese Awakenings: Life Stories from the Unofficial China

James and Ann Tyson, *Chinese Awakenings: Life Stories from the Unofficial China*, Westview Press (November 1995).

- Massacre in Beijing: China's Struggle for Democracy

Donald Morison, editor, *Massacre in Beijing: China's Struggle for Democracy*, Warner Books; Warner Bk edition (October 1, 1989).

- Megatrends Asia: Eight Asian Megatrends that Are Reshaping Our World

John Naisbitt, *Megatrends Asia: Eight Asian Megatrends that Are Reshaping Our World*, Simon & Schuster (January 18, 1996).

- The Chinese: An insider's look at the issues which affect and shape China today

Jasper Becker, *The Chinese: An insider's look at the issues which affect and shape China today*, Oxford University Press, USA (April 25, 2002).

Politics, Society and Economics

- China's Leadership in the Twenty-First Century: The Rise of the Fourth Generation

David M. Finkelstein and Maryanne Kivlehan, eds. *China's Leadership in the Twenty-First Century: The Rise of the Fourth Generation*. Armonk, New York: M.E. Sharpe, 2003. Chapters highlight the challenges facing a new generation of leaders.

- Integrating China into the Global Economy

Lardy, Nicholas. *Integrating China into the Global Economy*. Washington, D.C.: Brookings Institution Press, 2002.

- The China Leadership Monitor

The China Leadership Monitor.

(www.chinaleadershipmonitor.org

(<http://www.chinaleadershipmonitor.org>)).

Continually updated analysis of high-level politics.

- The Tiananmen Papers: The Chinese Leadership's Decision to use Force Against Their own People: in their own words

Nathan, Andrew J. and E. Perry Link, eds. *The Tiananmen Papers: The Chinese Leadership's Decision to use Force Against Their own People - in their own words*. New York: LLC Public Affairs, 2001.

The Cultural Revolution

- Almost a Revolution: The Story of a Chinese Student's Journey from Boyhood to Leadership in Tiananmen Square

Shen Tong. *Almost a Revolution: The Story of a Chinese Student's Journey from Boyhood to Leadership in Tiananmen Square*, University of Michigan Press (October 15, 1998).

- Balzac and the Little Chinese Seamstress

Dai, Sijie. *Balzac and the Little Chinese Seamstress*. New York: Random House, Anchor Books, 2002. A novel full of ironic humor showing perennial Chinese rural life through the eyes of young people sent to the countryside.

- Life and Death in Shanghai

Cheng, Nien. *Life and Death in Shanghai*. HarperCollins Publishers; New Ed edition (January 1995). A classic; the moving story by a Chinese Christian of one family's suffering from fanatical attacks on educated, urban Chinese with foreign connections.

- Waiting

Jin, Ha. *Waiting*. New York: Random House, Pantheon Books, 1999. A National Book Award winner that tells a poignant story of the quiet desperation of family and work life in the late Mao era.

- Wild Swans: Three Daughters of China

Chang, Jung (Jenny). *Wild Swans: Three Daughters of China*. Touchstone; Reprint edition (August 12, 2003). The stories of three generations – a

concubine in imperial China, a Nationalist fighting the Japanese, and a young Red Guard – are a lively introduction to modern Chinese history.

Travel

- Before the Deluge: The Vanishing World of the Yangtze's Three Gorges

Chetham, Deirdre. *Before the Deluge: The Vanishing World of the Yangtze's Three Gorges*. New York: Palgrave, 2003. A journalist's reflections on the Yangzi.

- Fodor's CHINA

Fodor's *CHINA*, Fourth Edition. Fodor's Travel Publications, 2002.

- National Geographic Magazine

National Geographic Magazine: China's Gold Coast and Hong Kong (191:3, March 1997), and China's Three Gorges (192:3, September 1997).

Video/Film

- Temple of Heaven: One China, One Emperor, One God

Temple of Heaven: One China, One Emperor, One God. CBN, Inc. 2003. www.templeofheaven.net

(<http://www.templeofheaven.net>). The history of China's ancient worship of the "Most High God" (Shang Di), showing the Emperor's sacrifices on behalf of the people at the Altar of Heaven in Beijing, portrayed by a believer who is a descendant of the fifth Qing dynasty Emperor, Jiaqing.

- The Cross: Jesus in China

Yuan Zhiming, *The Cross: Jesus in China*. four-part DVD showing the mission roots, perseverance under persecution, and joy in current ministry of Chinese believers. **info@chinasoul.org**
(<mailto:info@chinasoul.org>) (707) 782-9588

- The Story of Qiu Ju

Zhang Yimou, film, "*The Story of Qiu Ju* [literally, Qiu Ju Goes to Court]." the new consciousness of legal rights in the 1990s, and "Hero" (Emperor Qin Shi huangdi)

- Zhang Yimou

Zhang Yimou, China's most famous film director. See an interview and bibliography at **[Senses of Cinema](http://www.sensesofcinema.com/contents/directors/02/zhang)**
(<http://www.sensesofcinema.com/contents/directors/02/zhang>).

- "Ju Dou" (an arranged marriage in traditional rural China)
- "Raise the Red Lantern" (traditional life in a wealthy land-owning household)

- “Red Sorghum” (the 1940s anti-Japanese war in Shandong, East China)
- “To Live!” [literally, “Survival”] (during Mao’s Cultural Revolution)
- “The Story of Qiu Ju” (literally, Qiu Ju Goes to Court, on the new consciousness of legal rights in the 1990s)
- “Hero” (China’s founding Emperor Qin Shihuangdi, whose tomb is in Xi’an)