



The Armchair Traveler Explores China

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FICTION		
Dai	Balzac and the little Chinese Seamstress	During the Chinese Cultural Revolution, two boys are sent to the country, where their lives take an unexpected turn when they meet the beautiful daughter of a local tailor.
Dalton	Heaven Lake	A Christian relief worker in Taiwan who teaches English to a group of young girls, has an affair with one of them, a situation that forces him to leave in disgrace.
Jin	Waiting	An ambitious Chinese doctor finds himself torn between two very different women—the nurse with whom he has fallen in love and the wife his family chose.
Jian	Beijing Coma	A young man slumbers away for ten years. While he retraces the experiences that brought him into this dream state, the world around him morphs into a different place.
McCunn	The Moon Pearl	In China in the 1830s, three young girls pledge never to be wives or nuns, the conventional paths open to them, but to live independently.
Min	The Last Empress	This novel follows Empress Orchid, the last empress of China, as she copes with tragic personal losses and struggles to save her crumbling empire.
Mones	The Last Chinese Chef	A recently widowed American food writer finds solace, love, and the most inspiring food she's ever encountered during a visit to China.
See	Snow Flower and the Secret Fan	A story of friendship set in nineteenth-century China follows two women as they communicate their hopes, dreams, joys, and tragedies through a unique secret language.
Tsukiyama	Women of the Silk	Pei's peasant parents have her work in a silk factory to support them. Pei finds strength from an older girl named Lin as they begin to organize a union.
NON-FICTION		
BIOG Chang	Wild Swans: Three Daughters of China	Jung Chang recounts the story of how three generations of women in her family fared in the political maelstrom of China during the 20th century.
BIOG Kingston	The Woman Warrior: Memoirs of a Girlhood Among Ghosts	A pungent, bitter, but beautifully written memoir of growing up Chinese-American in Stockton, California.
BIOG Mao	Mao: the Unknown Story	A portrait of the late Chinese leader refutes a wide variety of myths about Mao and provides facts about the impact of his thirst for power on the Chinese people.
372.73 MacMillan	Nixon and Mao: The Week That Changed the World	Richard Nixon's 1972 visit to Beijing to open relations with Communist China was both a Cold War milestone and compelling political theater.
391 Finnane	Changing Clothes in China: Fashion, History, Nation	Connects China's modernization and global visibility with changes in dress, offering a portrait of the complex ways the people of China have worn their nation on their backs.
599.789 Croke	The Lady and the Panda	Ruth Harkness, a Manhattan bohemian socialite, who against all but impossible odds, trekked to Tibet in 1936 to capture the most mysterious animal of the day.
641.5951 Alford	Beyond the Great Wall: Recipes and Travels in the Other China	<i>Beyond the Great Wall</i> has a rich mosaic of recipes—from Central Asian cumin-scented kebabs and flatbreads to Tibetan stews and Mongolian hot pots.
641.5951 Blonder	Dim Sum: The Art of Chinese Tea Lunch	Who doesn't love dim sum, those enticing dumplings, buns, and pastries? This book provides 60 recipes, from Pork and Chinese Chive Dumplings to Salt-Fried Prawns.

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641.5951 Chiang	Seventh Daughter: My Culinary Journey from Beijing to San Francisco	A food pioneer, Cecilia Chiang introduced Americans to authentic northern Chinese cuisine at her San Francisco restaurant, the Mandarin, in 1961.
641.5951 Dunlop	Shark's Fin and Sichuan Pepper: A Sweet and Sour Memoir...	Food writer Fuchsia Dunlop went to live in China as a student in 1994, and she vowed to eat everything she was offered, no matter how alien and bizarre it seemed.
745.619 Barrass	The Art of Calligraphy in Modern China	This book charts the development of 25 prominent Chinese calligraphers and makes their distinctive voices accessible to Western readers for the first time.
895.11 Anchor	The Anchor Book of Chinese Poetry	Spans three thousand years, bringing together more than six hundred poems by more than one hundred thirty poets.
915.1 Great	The Great Wall of China	The History Channel investigates the planning, construction, function and mysterious history of one of man's most massive building achievements.
915.1 Troost	Lost on Planet China: The Strange and True Story of One Man's Attempt...	Troost goes on a rollicking journey through modern China, from Beijing and Shanghai to the Gobi Desert and the hinterlands of Tibet.
915.15 Tibet	Traveler's Tales: Tibet	Discover Tibet through the delightful, funny, cautionary, inspiring true stories of writers who've been there.
951 Hammond	From Yao to Mao: 5000 Years of Chinese History	This 6-DVD set delivers a comprehensive political and historical overview of this fascinating and complex country.
951 Hessler	Oracle Bones: A Journey in Time through China	This book explores the human side of China's transformation, viewing modern-day China through the lives of ordinary people.
951 Pomfret	Chinese Lessons: Five Classmates and the Story of the New China	James Pomfret first saw China as an American exchange student at Nanjing University in 1981, near the outset of China's limited reopening to the West.
951.06 Gifford	China Road: A Journey into the Future of a Rising Power	Gifford journeyed for six weeks on China's Mother Road, beginning in Shanghai to a tiny town in what used to be known as Turkestan.
951.15 DeWoskin	Foreign Babes in Beijing: Behind the Scenes of a New China	Working for an American PR firm, DeWoskin became the star of one of China's first television soap operas.
DVDs		
New Media Chi Chungking	Chungking Express	Two lovelorn cops have two objects of desire: one is a heroin dealer in trouble and the other is a waitress who gets the keys to her admirer's apartment.
Foreign Crouching	Crouching Tiger, Hidden Dragon	Two warriors in pursuit of a stolen sword and a notorious fugitive are led to an impetuous, teenage nobleman's daughter.
Foreign Farewell	Farewell My Concubine	This is the story of two performers in the Beijing Opera and the woman who comes between them.
Foreign Hero	Hero	Rashomon-like flashbacks shape the story of how one man defeated three assassins who sought to murder the most powerful warlord in China.
Foreign House	House of Flying Daggers	A romantic warrior breaks a beautiful member of a rebel army out of prison so she can rejoin her followers, but things are not what they seem.
New Media Last	The Last Emperor	A dramatic history of Pu Yi, the last Emperor of China, from his lofty birth and brief reign to his obscure existence as just another peasant worker.
New Media Painted	The Painted Veil	A British medical doctor fights a cholera outbreak in a small Chinese village, while also being trapped in a loveless marriage to an unfaithful wife.
Foreign Raise	Raise the Red Lantern	In the 1920's, nineteen-year-old Songlian is forced to marry fifty year old Chen who already has three wives.
Foreign Summer	Summer Palace	YuHong is a rebellious young woman from a small Chinese town transplanted to a politically charged Beijing University in the late 1980s.
Special Interest China	China: The Panda Adventure	Based on the book the "Lady and the Panda," this film dramatizes Ruth Harkness' efforts to save the Giant Panda from extinction in 1936 China.