

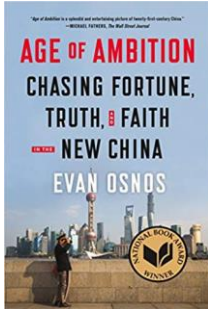


Thomson Family Adventures

SUGGESTED READING GUIDE

China

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Age of Ambition by Evan Osnos:

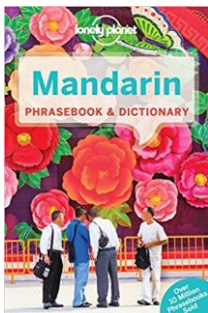
This book describes the greatest collision taking place in China: the clash between the rise of the individual and the Communist Party's struggle to retain control. *Age of Ambition* follows the moving stories of everyday people and reveals life in the new China to be a battleground between aspiration and authoritarianism, in which only one can prevail.

LONG READ!



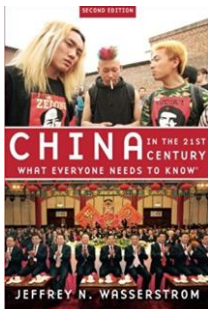
China in Ten Words by Yu Hua:

Framed by ten phrases common in the Chinese vernacular, *China in Ten Words* uses personal stories and astute analysis to reveal as never before the world's most populous yet oft-misunderstood nation. From one of China's most acclaimed writers: a unique, intimate look at the Chinese experience over the last several decades.



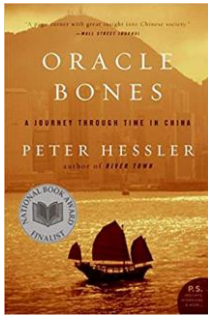
Mandarin Phrasebook & Dictionary by Lonely Planet:

This pocket-sized comprehensive language guide provides on-the-go language assistance; great for language students and travelers looking to interact with locals and immerse themselves in local culture. Another step closer to fully immersing yourself in Chinese life!



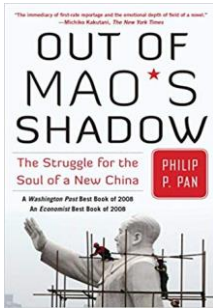
China in the 21st Century by Jeffrey N. Wasserstrom:

China expert Jeffrey Wasserstrom provides cogent answers to the most urgent questions regarding the newest superpower and offers a framework for understanding its meteoric rise. He also explains unique aspects of Chinese culture such as the one-child policy and provides insight into how Chinese view Americans.



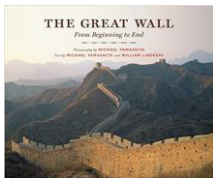
Oracle Bones: A Journey Through Time in China by Peter Hessler:

Peter Hessler explores the human side of China's transformation, viewing modern-day China and its growing links to the Western world through the lives of a handful of ordinary people. In a narrative that gracefully moves between the ancient and the present, the East and the West, Hessler captures the soul of a country that is undergoing a momentous change before our eyes.



Out of Mao's Shadow by Philip P. Pan:

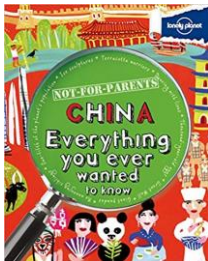
This book offers a startling perspective on China and its remarkable transformation, challenging conventional wisdom about the political apathy of the Chinese people and the notion that prosperity leads automatically to freedom. This is a moving story of a nation in transition, of a people coming to terms with their past and struggling to take control of their future.



The Great Wall from Beginning to End by Michael Yamashita and William Lindesay:

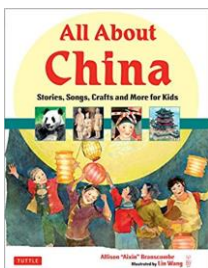
Lindesay's informative text accompanies 160 photographs by Yamashita, who spent a year photographing along the 4,000-mile length of the iconic barrier. Broken into three sections, The Great Wall provides an overview that debunks myths and dishes up rare facts and figures, a comprehensive history that proceeds dynasty by dynasty through its construction, and an account of Lindesay's personal experiences of the Wall.

FOR KIDS (8+)



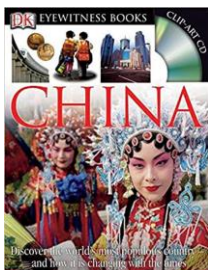
Not for Parents China: Everything You Ever Wanted to Know by Lonely Planet:

This is the real, inside story about one of the world's most exciting countries - China. In this book you'll hear fascinating tales about ancient empires, martial arts, the discovery of gunpowder and the first cup of tea. Check out cool stories about ice sculptures, dust storms, bloodthirsty warriors and dragons. You'll find acrobats, fighting crickets, futuristic buildings and some seriously weird snacks. (ages 8-12)



All about China: Stories, Songs, Crafts and More for Kids by Allison Branscombe:

Take the whole family on a whirlwind tour of Chinese history and culture with this delightfully illustrated book that is packed with stories, activities and games. Travel from the stone age through the dynasties to the present day with songs and crafts for kids that will teach them about Chinese language and the Chinese way of life.



China (DK Eyewitness Books) by Hugh Sebag-Montefiore:

A mini museum between the covers of a book, this is a great way to build excitement and familiarity for anyone planning to visit the China. Find out how China is surging ahead in international sports, discover the secrets of traditional Chinese medicine, see the bustling streets of booming megacities, and much, much more!