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

- CHINA: A New History


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


- China: Tradition and Transformation


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


- Modern China: A Guide to a Century of Change

  Graham Hutchings, Modern China: A Guide to a

- **Sources of Chinese Tradition**


- **The Chan’s Great Continent: China in Western Minds**


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


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


- **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 Private Life of Chairman Mao


- 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

• Chinese Thought from Confucius to Mao Tse-tung


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


• Readings in Classical Chinese Philosophy


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


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

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


Christianity and China

- A Dictionary of Asian Christianity


- A History of Christianity in Asia


- A Living Sacrifice: The Life Story of Allen Yuan


- A Stone Made Smooth


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

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


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


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


- **China: The Church’s Long March**


- **China: The Hidden Miracle**


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

- Chinese Intellectuals and the Gospel


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


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


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


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

- **Holistic Entrepreneurs in China**


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


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


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

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

- Sketches From Formosa


- The Diaries of John Sung: An Autobiography


- The Resurrection of the Chinese Church


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


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


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

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


**Culture, Geography, Society**

- **Beyond the Chinese Face: Insights from Psychology**


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


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

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

- Operation China


- Popular China: Unofficial Culture in a Globalizing Society


Journals

- ChinaSource

ChinaSource Journal and other information. www.ChinaSource.org (http://www.ChinaSource.org); info@chsource.org (mailto:info@chsource.org)

- Far Eastern Economic Review


- 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/ccc/journal.htm (http://rspas.anu.edu.au/ccc/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

- **Chinese Awakenings: Life Stories from the Unofficial China**


- **Massacre in Beijing: China’s Struggle for Democracy**


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


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


**Politics, Society and Economics**

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

- Integrating China into the Global Economy


- 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


The Cultural Revolution

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

- **Balzac and the Little Chinese Seamstress**


- **Life and Death in Shanghai**


- **Waiting**


- **Wild Swans: Three Daughters of China**

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


- Fodor’s CHINA


- 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

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 (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).

- “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)