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PICTURE BOOKS FOR YOUNGER READERS



Compestine, Ying Chang. *The Runaway Rice Cake*. Simon and Schuster Books for Young Readers, 2001; 40 pp., Grades K-3. After chasing the special rice cake, Nian Gao, that their mother has made to celebrate the Chinese New Year, three poor brothers share it with an elderly woman and have their generosity richly rewarded. E Compestine

Demi. *The Empty Pot*. Henry Holt and Company, 1990; 32 pp., Grades 1-4. When Ping admits that he is the only child in China unable to grow a flower from the seeds distributed by the Emperor, he is rewarded for his honesty. E Demi

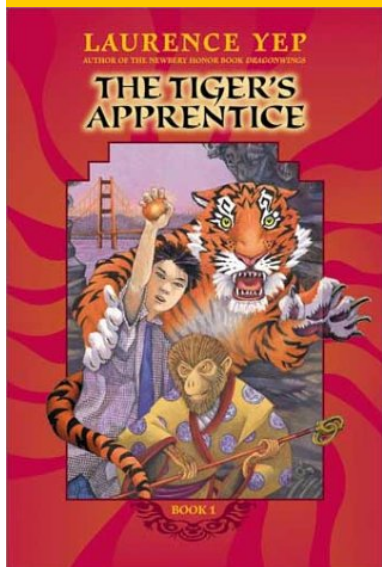
Flack, Marjorie and Wiese, Kurt. *The Story About Ping*. Viking Penguin Inc., 1961; 32 pp., Grades K-3. A little duck finds adventure on the Yangtze River when he is too late to board his master's houseboat one evening. E Flack

Mosel, Arlene. *Tikki Tikki Tembo*. Henry Holt and Company, 1968; 32 pp., Grades K-3. When the eldest son fell in the well and most of the time getting help was spent pronouncing the name of the one in trouble, the Chinese, according to legend, decided to give all their children short names. J 398.2 MO

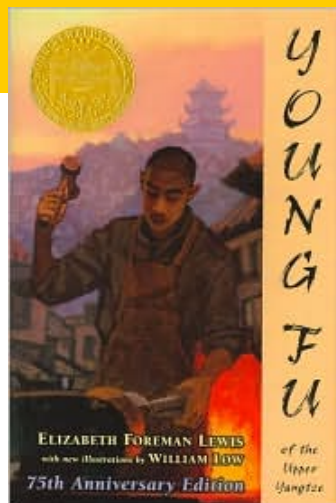
Muth, Jon J. *Stone Soup*. Scholastic Press, 2003; 32 pp., Grades K-3. A version of the classic tale set in China. Three wise monks trick a poor, frightened community into finding happiness by teaching them the magic of generosity. J 398.2 MU

Poole, Amy Lowry. *How the Rooster Got His Crown*. Holiday House, 1999; 32 pp., Grades K-3. In the early days of the world, when the sun refuses to come out for fear of a skillful archer's arrows, a small rooster saves the day by coaxing the sun out with his crowing. J 398.2 PO

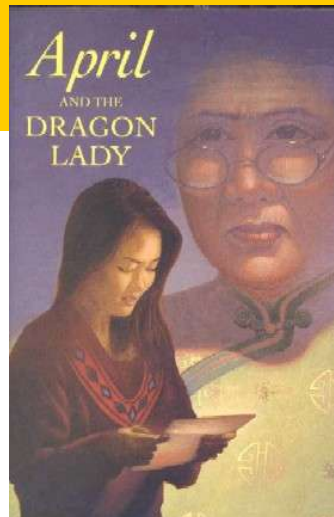
FICTION FOR MIDDLE READERS



Yep, Lawrence. *Tiger's Apprentice*. HarperCollins, 2003; 188 pp., Grades: 4-8. A tiger, a monkey, a dragon, and a twelve-year-old Chinese American boy fight to keep a magic talisman out of the hands of an enemy who would use its power to destroy the world. Book 1 of the Tiger's Apprentice series. J Fic Yep



Lewis, Elizabeth Foreman. *Young Fu of the Upper Yangtze*. New York: Henry Holt, 2007 (c1932); 320 pp., Grades 3-6. In the 1920s, a Chinese youth from the country comes to Chungking with his mother where the bustling city offers adventure and his apprenticeship to a coppersmith brings good fortune. J Fic Lewis



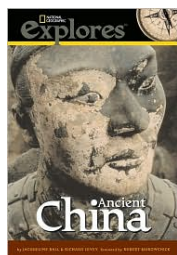
Lensey, Namioka. *April and the Dragon Lady*. Browndeer Press, 1994; 224 pp., Grades 5-9. Feeling confined by the traditional family attitudes of her strong-willed, manipulative grandmother, sixteen-year-old April Chen fights for her independence. J Fic Lensey



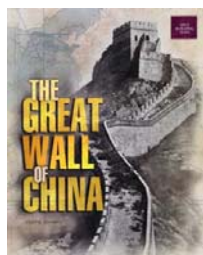
Hang, Andrea - *Shanghai Messenger*. Lee & Low Books, 2005; 40pp., Grades 3-8. A free-verse novel about eleven-year-old Xiao Mei's visit with her extended family in China, where the Chinese-American girl finds many differences but also the similarities that bind a family together. J Fic Chang

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NONFICTION



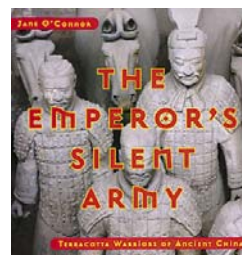
Bell, Jacqueline. *National Geographic Investigates Ancient China*. National Geographic, 2007; 64 pp., Grades 3-6. See how ancient treasures help scientists today to piece together the puzzle of China's past. J 931 BA



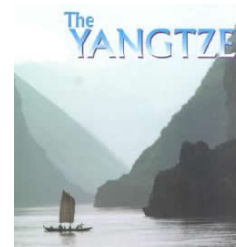
DuTemple, Lesley A. *The Great Wall of China*. Lerner Publications Company, 2003; 96 pp., Grades 3-6. A history of the building of the various pieces of the Great Wall of China, with details of how the walls were built through the ages. J 931 DU



Hoyt-Goldsmith, Diane. *Celebrating Chinese New Year*. Holiday House, 1998; 32 pp., Grades K-3. Depicts a San Francisco boy and his family preparing for and enjoying their celebration of the Chinese New Year, their most important holiday. J 394.261 HO



O'Connor, Jane. *The Emperor's Silent Army*. Viking, 2002; 48 pp., Grades 3-6. Describes the archaeological discovery of thousands of life-sized terracotta warrior statues in Northern China in 1974, and discusses the emperor who had them created and placed near his tomb. J 931 OC



Waterlow, Julia. *The Yangtze*. World Almanac Library, 2003; 48 pp., Grades K-3. The course of the Yangtze: in history, cities and settlements, economic activity, animals and plants, environmental issues, leisure and recreation, the future. J 951.2 WA

FICTION FOR TEENS



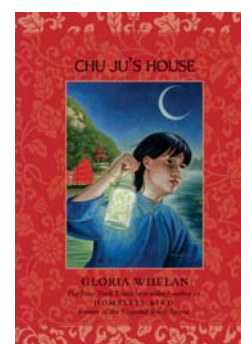
Compestine, Ying Chang. *Revolution is Not a Dinner Party*. Henry Holt, 2007; 249 pp., Grades 9-12. Starting in 1972 when she is nine years old, Ling, the daughter of two doctors, struggles to make sense of the communists' Cultural Revolution, which empties stores of food, homes of appliances deemed "bourgeois," and people of laughter. YA FIC COMPESTINE



Mowll, Joshua. *Operation Red Jericho*. Candlewick Press, 2005; 271 pp., Grades 5-8. The posthumous papers of Rebecca MacKenzie document her adventures, along with her brother Doug, in 1920s China as the teenaged siblings are sent to live aboard their uncle's ship where they become involved in the dangerous activities of a mysterious secret society called the Honorable Guild of Specialists. YA FIC MOWLL



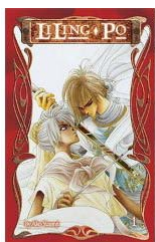
Napoli, Donna Jo. *Bound*. Atheneum Books for Young Readers, 2004; 186 pp., Grades 7-12. In a novel based on Chinese Cinderella tales, fourteen-year-old stepchild Xing-Xing endures a life of neglect and servitude, as her stepmother cruelly mutilates her own child's feet so that she alone might marry well. YA FIC NAPOLI



Whelan, Gloria. *Chu Ju's House*. HarperCollins, 2004; 227 pp., Grades 3-9. In order to save her baby sister, fourteen-year-old Chu Ju leaves her rural home in modern China and earns food and shelter by working on a sampan, tending silkworms, and planting rice seedlings, while wondering if she will ever see her family again. YA FIC WHELAN

GRAPHIC NOVELS

Shimizu, Aki. *Qwan*, Volume 1. Tokyopop, 2005. In ancient China, Qwan is a strange boy who devours demons and absorbs their power. His true quest, however, is to find the Essential Arts of Peace, an ancient verse he is told will reveal the reason for his existence. YA 741.5952 SH



Yutenji, Ako. *Liling-Po*, Volume 1. Tokyopop, 2005. Master thief Liling-Po has finally been captured. His prison term is cut short, however, when he is recruited to work under the supervision of Bu-Cho, an aristocrat, and Mei-Toku, a government official, to retrieve eight magical national treasures that together have the power to grant any wish. YA 741.5952 YU

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