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## Recommended Resources for Learning about China

A partial list of resources recommended and referenced on the webinar [“Learning About China: Sipping from a Fire Hose”](#) (August 26, 2021).

### HISTORY

#### Books

- *To Change China: Western Advisors in China*, by Jonathan Spence
- *Wild Swans: Three Daughters of China*, by June Cheng
- *God’s Chinese Son: The Taiping Heavenly Kingdom of Hong Xiuquan*, by Jonathan Spence
- *Soong Dynasty*, by Sterling Seagrave
- *Life and Death in Shanghai*, by Nien Cheng
- *The Beautiful Country and the Middle Kingdom: America and China, 1776 to the Present*, by John Pomfret
- *The World of Thought in Ancient China*, by Benjamin Schwartz
- *China and Other Matters*, by Benjamin Schwartz
- *My Old Home: A Novel of Exile*, by Orville Schell’s
- *A Chinese Life*, by Li Kunwu and P Otie
- *The Man Who Stayed Behind*, by Sidney Rittenberg
- *A Village with My Name: A Family History of China’s Opening to the World*, by Scott Tong
- *Dream of a Red Chamber* and *Romance of the Stone*. (David Hawkes translation)

#### Other

- Video: *Story of China* (PBS)
- Podcast: *China History Podcast*
- Video series: *China in Revolution* (PBS)
- Movie: *King of Masks*

### CULTURE / TRADITION

#### Books

- *Snowflower and the Secret Fan*, by Lisa See
- *Encountering the Chinese: A Modern Country; An Ancient Culture*, by Hu Wenzhong

## Other

- Video Series: *A Bite of China* (CCTV) 舌尖上的中国
- Movie: *Farewell*
- Video: *Chinese Thought: Ancient China Meets Modern Science* (available on YouTube)

## LANGUAGE

### Books

- *Dreaming in Chinese: Mandarin Lessons in Life, Love, and Language*, by Deborah Fallows
- *A Billion Voices: China's Search for a Common Language*, by David Moser

### Other

- Chinese TV dramas
- Online lessons: Chinese Pod
- *Chinese Buddy: Songs for Kids* (YouTube)
- Online learning program: Mango
- Website: *Hacking Chinese*

## CONTEMPORARY SOCIETY

### Books

- *Age of Ambition: Chasing Fortune, Truth, and Faith in the New China*, by Evan Osnos
- *Country Driving: A Journey Through China from Farm to Factory*, by Peter Hessler
- *Shanghai Free Taxi: Journeys with the Hustlers and Rebels of the New China*, by Frank Lingfett
- *China's Millennials: The Want Generation*, by Eric Fish
- *China Road* by Rob Gifford
- *Oracle Bones: A Journey Through Time in China*, by Peter Hessler
- *Country Driving, A Journey Through China from Farm to Factory*, by Peter Hessler
- *River Town, Two Years on the Yangtze*, by Peter Hessler
- *Red Star over China* by Edgar Snow
- *Brave Dragons: A Chinese Basketball Team, an American Coach, and Two Cultures Clashing*, by Jim Yardley

### Other

- Documentary: *People's Republic of Capitalism*
- Movie: *American Factory*
- Movie: *The China Hustle*
- Subscription newsletter: Sinocism, by Bill Bishop
- Video: *China from the Inside* (PBS, available on YouTube)
- Online course: *Millennial Mindset* at Thriving Turtles

- Podcast: *Sinica Podcast* (Sup China)
- Contemporary Chinese films on streaming services

## RELIGION

### Books

- *The Souls of China: The Return to Religion After Mao*, by Ian Johnson
- *Surviving the State; Remaking the Church: A Sociological Portrait of Christians in Mainland China*, by Li Ma
- *China's Urban Christians: A Light That Cannot be Hidden*, by Brent Fulton
- *Shanghai Faithful: Betrayal and Forgiveness in a Chinese Christian Family*, by Jennifer Lin
- *A Star in the East: The Rise of Christianity in China*, by Rodney Stark
- *Salt and Light (series)*
- *The Bells are Not Silent: Stories of Church Bells in China*, by Joann Pittman
- *The China Chronicles* book series, by Paul Hattaway
- *God's Double Agent*, by Bob Fu
- *Interpersonal Reconciliation between Christians in a Shame-Oriented Culture: A Sri Lankan Case*, Study by Mano Emmanuel
- *Christianity in China: A Scholar's Guide to Resources in the Libraries and Archives of the United States*
- *Salt and Light: Lives of Faith that Shaped Modern China*, by Carol Lee Hamrin and Stacey Bieler (3-book series)
- Worship songs in Chinese (see YouTube)

### Other

- Website: [Biographical Dictionary of Chinese Christianity](#)
- Website: [Global China Center](#)
- Website: [ChinaSource](#) (link to list of books by ChinaSource contributors)
- [International Christian Concern](#)
- [Global Diaspora Institute](#) (Wheaton Billy Graham Center)
- [China Aid Association](#)

## NEWS SITES

- [Sixth Tone](#)
- [China Daily](#)
- [Xinhua](#)
- [Global Times](#)
- [China Digital Times](#)