

Mao's army. She provides personal accounts of witnesses and participants of the march, gathered in the course of her journey.

Mao's China and after : a history of the People's Republic

Maurice J. Meisner 1999 951.05 Meisner

This is a revision of a 1977 work which analyzes events leading up to the Communist victory in 1949. The new book includes a treatment of more recent political developments up to 1998. Meisner's prose is somewhat technical and challenging for the lay reader.

Almost a revolution

Tong Shen 1990 951.058 S

Written by a student leader (with the assistance of a journalist) who was on the front lines at the Tiananmen Square demonstrations in June 1989, this book gives a highly readable and detailed account of the events leading up to the confrontation with the Chinese authorities.

Beijing spring

David C. Turnley 1989 951.058 Turnley

A gripping photo documentary of the Tiananmen Square June 1989 demonstrations by a Pulitzer Prize winning journalist.

Tiananmen Square

Scott Simmie and Bob Nixon 1989 951.058 Simmie

Written by two journalists who were previously consultants for Chinese Central Television, they provide interviews of artists and intellectuals interspersed with their own experience of events at Tiananmen Square in June of 1989.

China: from the long march to Tiananmen Square

Associated Press 1990 951.05 Associat

A photo documentary of the events of Tiananmen Square in Beijing in June of 1989, dramatically arranged to evoke strong feelings around this historic event.

China live: two decades in the heart of the dragon

Mike Chinoy 1997 951.057 Chinoy

Written by the CNN's bureau chief in Beijing, this provides insight into the Chinese and their politics, particularly the 1989 events at Tiananmen Square.



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China

Alison Bailey et al. 2007 951 Bailey

50 pages of this book is history, and there is more found in descriptions of tourist attractions. The full page photographs are striking, the history is told in concise paragraphs interspersed with photographs of sculpture, paintings, and illustrations. A good introduction to this complex land and culture.

The dragon and the foreign devils: China and the world, 1100 B.C. to the present

Harry G. Gelber 2007 951 Gelber

Aims to present China through foreign perspectives, and does give an account of the dynasties and enduring characteristics of each. The book is not always focused on its thesis and has a tendency towards overgeneralization.

A history of Chinese civilization

Jacques Gernet 1982 951 G

A translation from the French and cited by many as an excellent one-volume Chinese history. Writing is a bit scholarly but well crafted and especially detailed regarding the middle period of Chinese history.

The early Chinese empires: Qin and Han

Mark Edward Lewis 2007 951 Lewis

This book is the first of a Harvard University Press series of China's history, this one written by a professor at Stanford University. It covers the first two dynasties in the third century B.C., which the author believes sets the stage for China's future development.

The rise of the Chinese republic: from the last emperor to Deng Xiaoping

Edwin Palmer Hoyt 2007 951.05 H

A history beginning in the late 19th century which traces Western influence on China's development and explains China's perspective of the outside world. The author's opinions are freely expounded yet overall a valuable account of 20th century Chinese politics.

The search for modern China

Jonathan D. Spence 1990 951.03 Spence

The author begins with China's last dynasty in medieval times and ends with the 20th century. The author, a Yale professor, has written many books on China and this

book was praised for giving less import to foreign intervention in China's development as a nation.

China : a new history

John King Fairbank 1992 951 Fairbank

The last work by a renowned American writer on China. The book covers the history from Neolithic times to modern China. The author's political views occasionally intrude, but overall his presentation is insightful.

The history of China

David Curtis Wright 2001 951 Wright

This book is part of "The Greenwood Histories of the Modern Nations", intended for use by students. Necessarily concise, narratives are condensed and simplified for accessibility.

Twentieth century China : a history in documents

R. Keith Schoppa 2004 951.05 Schoppa

A concise history with abundant visual content, wordy or lengthy primary text is abbreviated for greater accessibility. Recommended for high school students and older.

A bitter revolution : China's struggle with the modern world

Rana Mitter 2004 951.06 Mitter

A portrayal of how China's history of revolution has shaped the country's evolving into a modern nation.

The genius of China : 3,000 years of science, discovery, and invention

Robert K. G. Temple 1986 509.51 T

A compiling of over 100 items invented and developed in China, while the European West was using pikes and eating off of iron plates, the Chinese were using gunpowder and mass producing porcelain dishes. An illuminating record of how Eastern accomplishment has been ignored and overlooked in Western civilization.

The Silk Road : two thousand years in the heart of Asia

Frances Wood 2003 951 Wood

Written and compiled by a Chinese scholar at the British Library, the book covers more than 2,000 years of history in regard to the various routes covering a part of Asia that was called in the West "the silk road". The author assembles photographs and quotations from many sources to explain cultural influences and shares with us her own expertise. The description of the Western explorers is anything but favorable, as she documents their assorted pillaging of antique treasures.

A journey through Ancient China : from the Neolithic to the Ming

Zhongmin Han and Hubert Delahaye 1985 951 Z

The authors present finds from ten archeological sites discovered since 1949, with an array of photographs. The large text and beautiful pictures make this book very

accessible, although it has been criticized for attempting to cover a stretch of history that one volume cannot do justice to.

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The Siege at Peking

Peter Fleming 1959 951.03 F

This 1959 journalistic account of the 1900 "Boxer Rebellion" in China is mostly made up of first person accounts from the foreigners in China at the time. This was re-issued in paperback in 1984, with an introduction that compares the rebellion to the Red Guards of the Cultural Revolution.

The rape of Nanking : the forgotten holocaust of World War II

Iris Chang 1997 951.042 Chang

The grandparents of this author, a Chinese American, escaped from the slaughter by the Japanese soldiers after their victory in Nanking. Chang's book was the first English language account of this atrocity. Carefully researched and drawn from eye-witness accounts, Chang also analyzes the Japanese culture at the time and how such event could have occurred.

The good man of Nanking : the diaries of John Rabe

John Rabe 1998 951.042 Rabe

John Rabe was a German businessman who helped Chinese escape from the Japanese in Nanking, China during World War II. His story includes graphic detail about atrocities committed by the Japanese.

The Soong Dynasty

Sterling Seagrave 1985 951.04 S

The author details the story of Charlie Soong and his family, who were educated and raised in the United States and made ties with the early Chinese revolutionary Sun Yat-sen and Chiang Kai-shek, the Nationalist leader. Seagrave reveals the family's graft and corruption, yet his judgment is colored by his sympathy for the Chinese Communist party.

The Long March, 1935 : the epic of Chinese communism's survival

Dick Wilson 1971 951.042 W

Dick Wilson links the Chinese Communist party leaders rise to power to their experiences in the Long March, when they moved to distance themselves from the Nationalist forces. Published in 1971, this account strives for impartiality in the face of the ongoing Cultural Revolution.

The Long March: the true story of communist China's founding myth

Sun Shuyun 2007 951.042 Sun

Written by a filmmaker who retraced the route of the historic march of