

FICTION (CONT.)

The Cave Man: A Novel / by Xiaoda Xiao FIC XIAO

During the regime of Mao Zedong in China, Ja Feng is a man falsely accused and wrongfully imprisoned. After maintaining his innocence, he's sent to solitary confinement for a very long time. When he's finally released from his "cave" and from prison, he must adjust to a world which is altogether different from anything and everything he's ever known.

Feathered Serpent: A Novel / by Xu Xiaobin; trans. by John Howard-Gibbon and Joanne Wang FIC XU

In this sweeping saga of twentieth century China, five generations of women in one family are portrayed beginning with the a small rural family in the latter half of the nineteenth century and ending with the family spread over the country and beyond in the 1990's.

Brothers / by Yu Hua; trans. by Eileen Cheng-yin Chow and Carlos Rojas FIC YU

In rural China during the Cultural Revolution, a disgraceful incident publically shames thirteen-year-old Baldy Li and his mother Li Lan leaving them at the mercy of their village peers. It seems Baldy Li's life is a dismal one until his mother remarries a local man of some stature, upgrading the family's social condition and landing Baldy Li with a new stepbrother.



MYSTERY

The Godfather of Kathmandu / by John Burdett MYS BURDETT

When a the body of a murdered Hollywood director is found in Thailand, investigator Sonchai Jitpcheepleep must weave through the seedy Bangkok underworld to find out the real reason for the high profile crime.

Chinese Whispers / by Peter May MYS MAY

A mass murderer known as the Beijing Ripper is terrorizing the city, yet the police, led by chief investigator Li Yan, have few leads. When an American pathologist is brought in to autopsy the Ripper's latest victim, a new revelation pushes the case into overdrive as soon, Li Yan himself begins receiving threatening letters signed by the killer.

The Cloud Pavilion: A Novel / by Laura Joh Rowland MYS ROWLAND

Rowland's latest Sano Ichiro novel features her heroine investigating a series of ongoing rapes plaguing women closely associated with the local magistrate. Early 18th century Japan and all its fascinating characteristics are once again well-illuminated by the author.

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Five Spice Street / by Can Xue; Trans. by Karen Gernant and Chen Zeping
FIC CANXUE

Five Spice St. is an ordinary street in an ordinary East Asian city where routine marks the daily lives of the inhabitants. But everyone's got a story, one which the neighborhood gossip matron "Madame X" is only too obliged to fill everyone else in on.

The Concubine's Daughter: A Novel / by Pai Kit Fai
FIC FAI

After rebelling against her father when he tries to have her feet bound, 8-year-old Li-Xia is sold to a traveling silk merchant as slave labor. Her luck changes somewhat when she's rescued by the captain of a French trading who subsequently falls in love with her and teaches her to read and write.

A Thread of Sky / by Deanna Fei
FIC FEI

When Irene Shen loses her husband, first to infidelity and then permanently to a sudden car accident, she decides to take her three daughters and aging mother on a tour of China to reconnect with their family roots.

A Good Fall / by Ha Jin
FIC JIN

The broad diaspora of Chinese immigrants in America is presented in this short story anthology where characters ranging from an English teacher to a musician to children confronting name changes are vividly portrayed.

The Calligrapher's Daughter: A Novel / by Eugenia Kim
FIC KIM

In the early twentieth century a daughter is born to Ha, a noted Korean calligrapher and scribe, and his wife. Najin, as she's called, grows up during the Japanese occupation of Korea and eventually goes to college and becomes a teacher all the while observing as her homeland and its ancient culture are vanquished by the imperial enemy as World War II nears.

Girl In Translation / by Jean Kwok
FIC KWOK

After immigrating to Brooklyn from Hong Kong, Ah-Kim Chang (Kim) and her mother work long hours in a textile factory, after which Kim returns home to study for more hours. When she's admitted to an elite private school, Kim experiences the added pressures of dealing with an unforgiving social hierarchy.

The Surrendered / by Chang-Rae Lee
FIC LEE

The lives of a combat refugee, an American soldier and an orphanage minister's wife all intertwine in this engrossing tale covering the tragedy of war balanced against the legacy and survival of love set against the backdrop of the Korean War.

The Vagrants: A Novel / by Yiyun Li
FIC LI

In 1979 in the provincial Chinese town of Muddy River, a woman named Gu Shan is executed in public for political crimes against the state. After her death, Gu's life is retold and recounted by her parents and friends.

The Housekeeper and The Professor / by Yoko Ogawa; Trans. by Stephen Snyder
FIC OGAWA

In contemporary Japan, a brilliant math professor lives with chronic amnesia and his memory needs to be refreshed daily by his housekeeper and her young son, Root, who can converse with the professor on a uniquely cognitive level.

The Favorites / by Mary Yukari Waters
FIC WATERS

Fourteen-year-old Sarah Rexford is a "half"—half American, half Japanese—meaning her mother's Japanese family doesn't really accept her when the pair relocate to Kyoto. But with time, and as she begins to learn more about her family's tragic history and lineage, Sarah becomes aware of the broader generational world of which she is a product.

Everything Asian: A Novel / by Sung J. Woo
FIC WOO

It's been five years since 12-year-old Dae Joon has seen his father who left for America with the intention of making a home before sending for his family—Dae Joon, his mother and older brother. Upon arrival, Dae Joon changes his name to "David" and begins the process of acclimating himself to American culture, growing and learning life lessons as well as commenting on his family and new community in New Jersey.

