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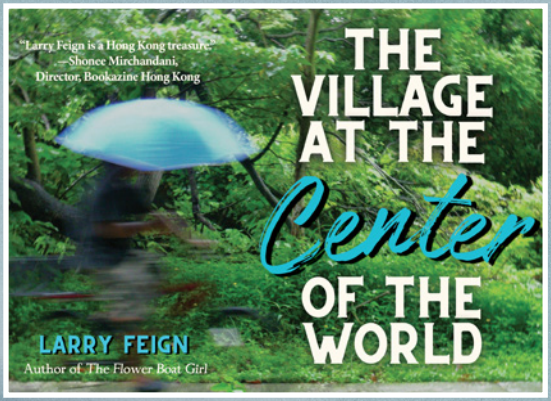

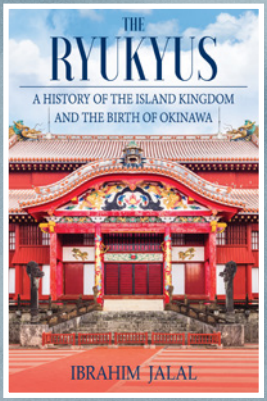

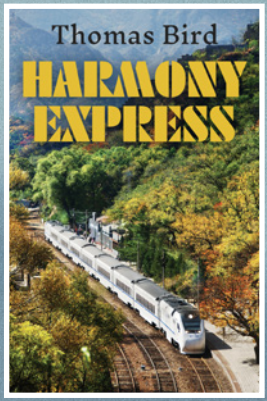

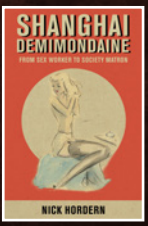

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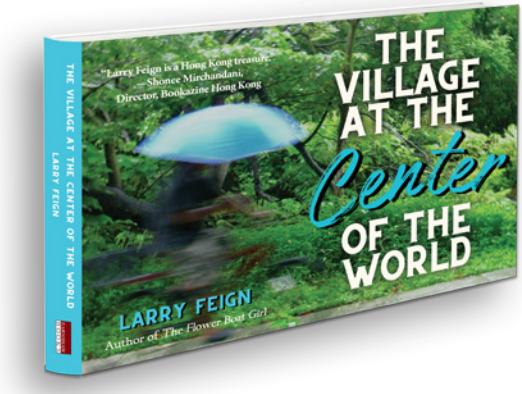
The Village at the Center of the World

Larry Feign



Welcome to Wang Tong, a little village on an island in the South China Sea. No signs point there. Even the police can't find it. A place with no cars, but water buffalo traffic jams. A place where nothing seems to happen, yet which once might have been the capital of the known world.

Meet Ah-Po, the kindly old farmer and her toy animal execution ground. Meet Uncle Six the cat man, and Mr. Lam, who escaped a horrifying event on the beach during the war. Meet a variety of other villagers, wildlife, and even some unwelcome intruders.

In this deeply felt trove of true stories and snapshots, award-winning cartoonist and author Larry Feign invites you into the place he called his world for thirty-two years.

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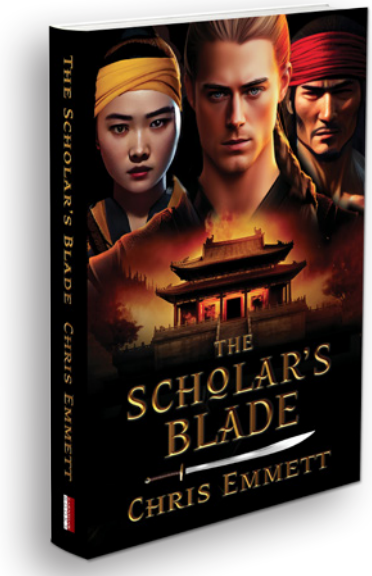
"Larry Feign is a Hong Kong treasure."
– *Shonee Mirchandani, Director, Bookazine Hong Kong*

"Larry Feign paints a kaleidoscopic portrait of his rural home in Hong Kong that dazzles the imagination. With humor and empathy, this love letter to Wang Tong village will leave any reader wishing they lived there."
– *Alec Ash, author of* Wish Lanterns and The Mountains Are High

The Scholar's Blade

Chris Emmett

China, 1860. The Taiping Rebellion is led by a man who claims to be the living brother of Jesus Christ. The rebels control huge swathes of Southern China. Caught in the chaos are Mark Falchion, a young China born scholar with a secret passion for *Wushu* swordsmanship; Meng, a vengeful Taiping warrior; and Mei, a beautiful young archer and former house slave now swept up into the Taiping army. Their destinies collide during a battle for the fortress town of Sungkiang, gateway to the rebels' main prize—Shanghai. *The Scholar's Blade* is a tale of brutal warfare, betrayal, and forbidden desire, all set against the backdrop of history's bloodiest civil war.



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FICTION / Historical
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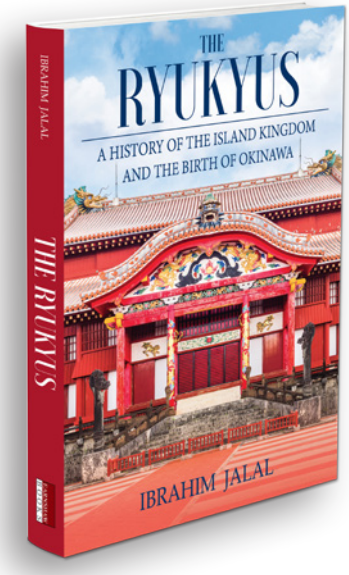
"The cinematic writing makes the action-packed scenes jump off the page, leaving the reader breathless from start to finish."

– *Alice Poon, author of* The Heavenly Sword

The Ryukyus

A history of the island kingdom and the birth of Okinawa

Ibrahim Jalal



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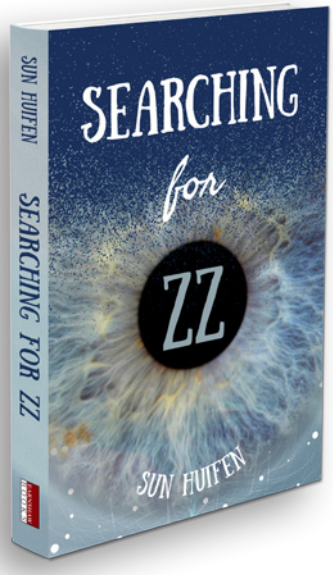
The captivating story of the Ryukyu Islands, located to the south of the main Japanese islands, covers the rise and fall of a maritime kingdom and its enduring legacy. The Ryukyus, which include Okinawa, have a rich and complex history which contains influences from a variety of cultures, including China, Japan and Southeast Asia and dates back over 30,000 years. Once a major trading power in the region, they maintained a complex relationship with both China and Japan before being annexed by the samurai of Japan in the late 19th century. Despite this, and the suffering endured during World War II, Ryukyu culture continues to thrive.

In addition to their natural and cultural treasures, the Ryukyu Islands also hold great strategic importance due to their location in the Pacific Ocean, playing a key role in regional and global politics for centuries, and they continue to do so today. This book reveals the fascinating history and enduring legacy of this unique and captivating region at the heart of East Asia.

Searching for ZZ

Sun Huifen

ZZ is an anomaly in a world of power and money. His name is Zhang Zhan, which connotes 'stretching' and 'spreading of wings,' and his parents are fiercely ambitious minor party officials, climbing the lower rungs of what they see as a golden ladder to influence and success. ZZ is their only son and what they need was a perfect son, an aspiring and formidable prop, driven to climb the ladder himself and become a powerful oficial. But ZZ doesn't care. He is the misfit who rejects it all. They didn't ask about his thoughts, or care about his feelings and he will not set foot on that ladder, nor steady it for his parents. Instead, all he wants to do is tear it apart andburn it to ashes. He knows it has to be done and also knows it will never happen. There are ladders everywhere and people clamoring to climb them.



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"This is a work of great significance it delves into the emotional relationships spanning the generations, and attempts to reconstruct a lost world of meaning and values for parents and their children."

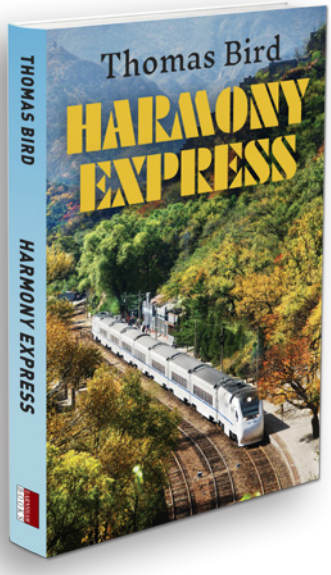
— *Li jingzechinese writers association*

The novel reflects a widespread social phenomenon—many people today pursuing soaring heights often inadvertently abandon their true selves and the "ancestral roots" of their families. How much does this intentional or unintentional 'avoidance' go against the natural laws of things, leading to significant loss? What is heartwarming is that this loss is rediscovered in this novel, embodied in Zhang Zhan.

— *Review by the newspaper, Literature (*weiyibao*)*

Harmony Express

Thomas Bird



In 2014, Thomas Bird found himself in southern China, free from any serious commitments. His rock band had just split up, he'd left his job as the Shenzhen editor of a lifestyle magazine and his girlfriend disappeared from his life. Seeking the tonic of travel, Bird hit the railroad with a plan… to explore The People's Republic of China by train. The country was in the midst of a railway building boom the likes of which the world has never seen, and Bird was poised to make China Railways his muse. Travelling through the ancient heartlands to the national extremities, Bird puts the people he meets front and center, as he grapples to comprehend an inscrutable land undergoing breakneck change.

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TRAVEL / Asia / China
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"The harmony express is a locomotive read and salute to the legendary "Oriental Express", but with chinese characteristics."

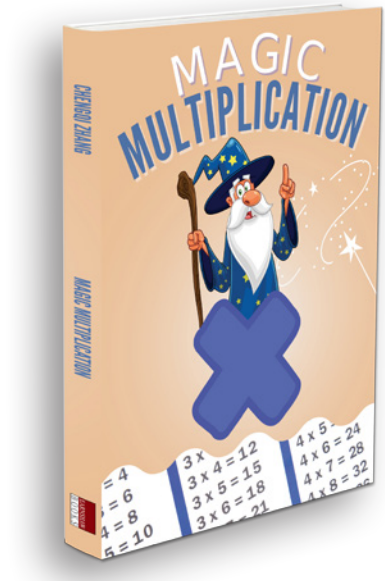
Christopher Cottrell, Indo-Pacific Journalist

Magic Multiplication

Professor Chengqi ZHANG

Can you work out these calculations in your head? Many of us would say "No way!" but for anyone who reads this book and learns the tricks it contains, it won't be difficult anymore.

This book aims to stimulate enthusiasm for math through rapid calculation, thereby creating a solid mathematical foundation for further learning. The goal is to express profound mathematical ideas in simple language, conveying the magic and mystery of calculation. As long as you can multiply two-digit numbers, do addition and subtraction, and understand simple negative numbers, you can handle the basics of this book.



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The History of Tea Book 1

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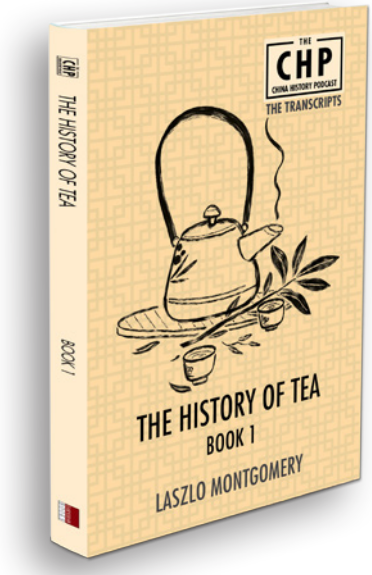

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Stuck In Her Head

Kylie Wang & Liana Tang

15-year-old Emma Chan is an aspiring musician with her eyes aimed at the stars. Sure, she might not have won any notable competitions, but she isn't "bad" by any means—unless you've met her easygoing and charming best friend, Naomi Lin, who seems to have the unique ability to accelerate Emma's heartbeat.

On the surface, Naomi has her life together. Outside of being dubbed a child musical prodigy, she's just another 15-year-old who likes coding, spending time with her friends, and reading celebrity gossip. But deep down, she longs to escape her life of expectations and build one that she truly desires, even if she doesn't know what that means yet.

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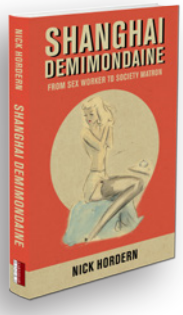
Shanghai Demimondaine

Nick Hordern



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Shanghai in 1930s had a booming prostitution industry which gave the city a certain reputation across Asia. The young Australian Lorraine Murray was for several years one of its stars, but with the help of her businessman patron Edmund Toeg and the American author Emily Hahn—the 'China Coast Correspondent for the New Yorker'—Lorraine finally put the sex industry behind her and struck out on a new path. Against the backdrop of the Japanese onslaught on China, she went back to wartime Australia, where she dipped into the murky world of counter-intelligence, and then went on to post war England, where she was reunited with both Emily and Edmund. Shanghai Demimondaine is a story of how her friendship with Emily helped Lorraine turn her life around—and how the feisty writer mined their friendship for her bestselling books.

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Reality Recycled

Nicky Almasy

Nicky Almasy's memoir Recycling Reality told the story of this Hungarian photographer's adventures across Asia and elsewhere through words, and Reality Recycled adds color to that story by chronicling Nicky's travels and most important projects via a collection of photographs accumulated over two decades.

The images here take us from youth in London and tragedy in Mexico to many adventures in Asia, including several years documenting the Shanghai Tower with architect Marshall Strabala, malaria in Cambodia, and a cornucopia of images captured through Nicky's discerning lens.

Peach Blossom

Jin Renshun

Love and loss, revenge and regret—Peach Blossom, a best-seller in China, presents stories from the underbelly of modern urban China by acclaimed Chinese author Jin Renshun (金仁顺) A girl's vivacious mother seduces her boyfriends... A man is obsessed with a woman whose identity he can't quite figure out... a woman has to put up with the girlfriend of her father as he slips away from life. The characters in Peach Blossom are adrift and rudderless, and the stories encompass both humor and horror along with a gritty sense of realism.

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The History of Chinese Philosophy

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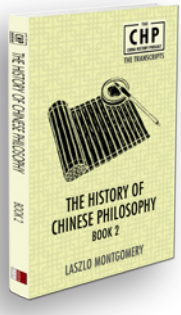

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East Meets West

Zhou Yongping

Shanghai's Xintiandi is China's first world-class landmark urban entertainment and cultural destination and East Meets West tells the story of how it came into being, showing how urban renewal is not only about constructing architectural spaces but also about deciphering the history and evolution of local culture. Author Zhou Yongping was one of the team that made Xintiandi possible, successfully balancing the requirements of the city government, local residents, the Shui On property group, future tenants and the millions of people who have visited the area every year since it opened in 2001. In 2016, the American Forbes magazine selected 'Global Top 20 Cultural Landmarks,' and Shanghai Xintiandi was among them.

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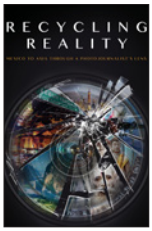

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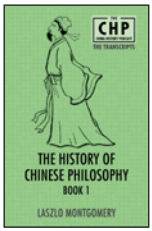

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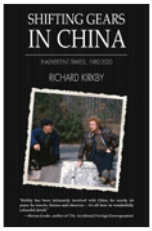

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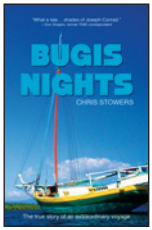

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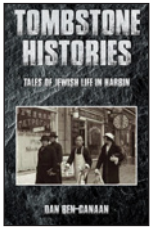

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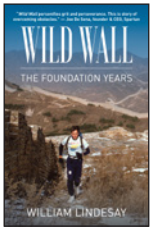

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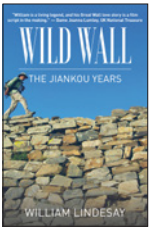

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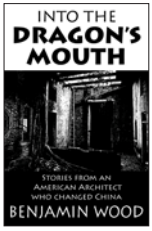

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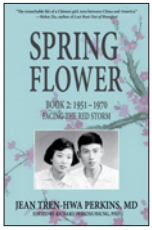

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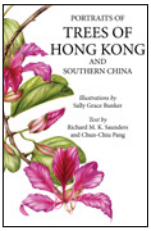

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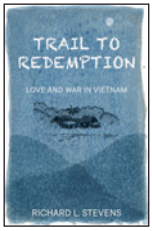

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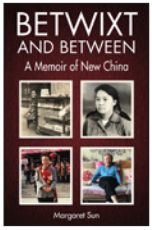

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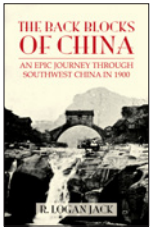

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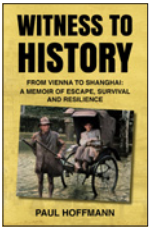

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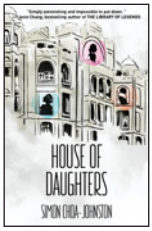

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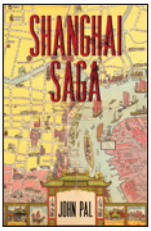

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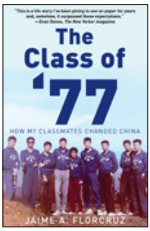

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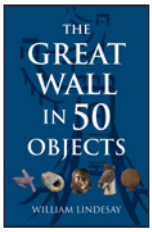

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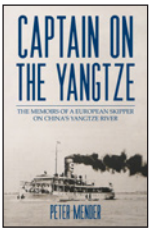

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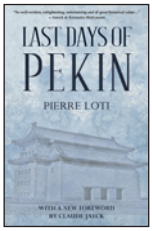

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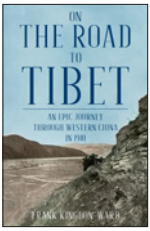

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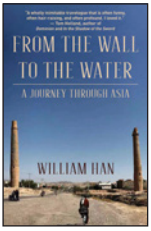

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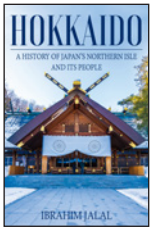

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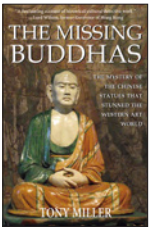

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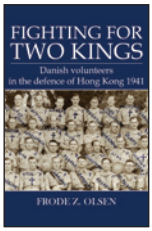

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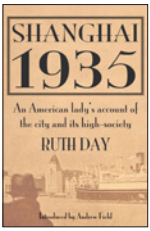

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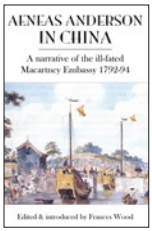

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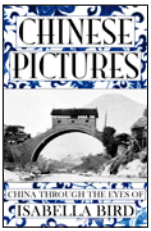

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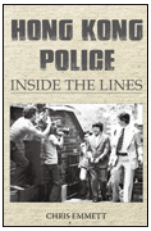

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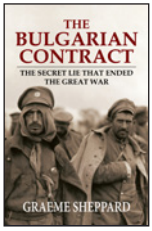

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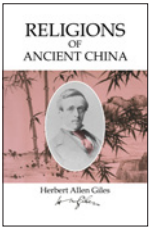

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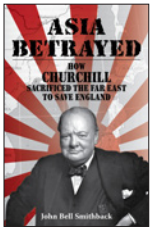

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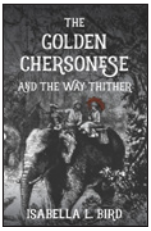

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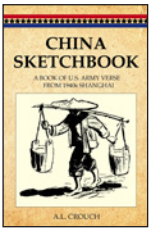

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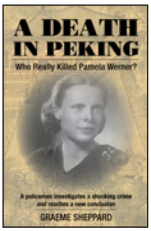

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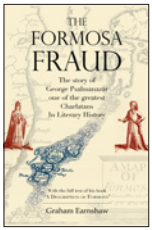

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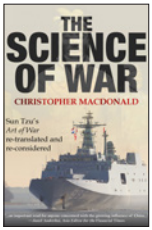

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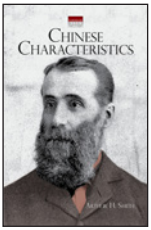

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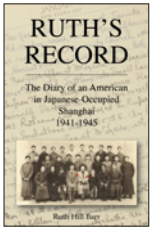

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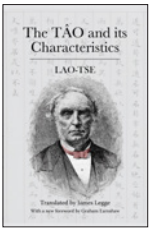

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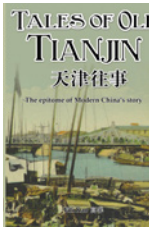

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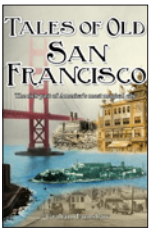

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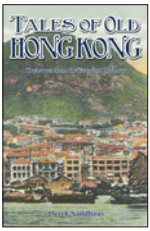

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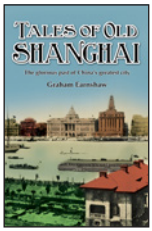

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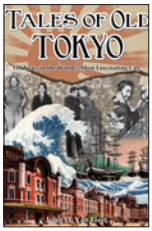

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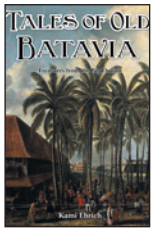

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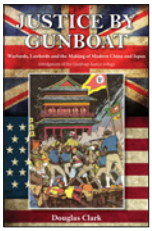

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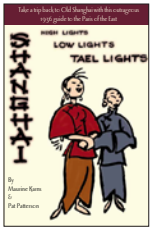

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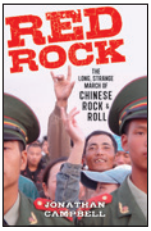

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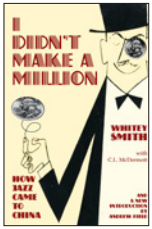

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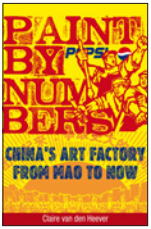

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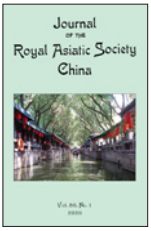

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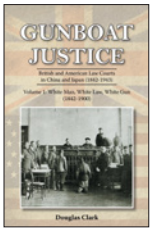

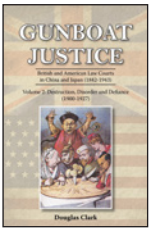

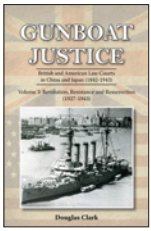

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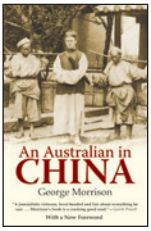

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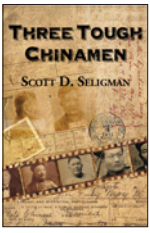

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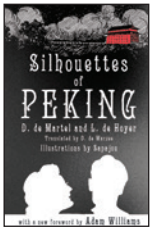

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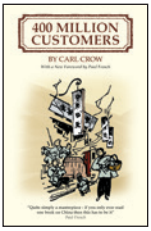

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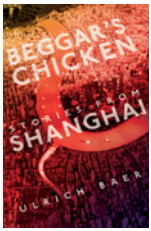

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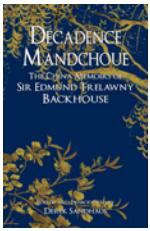

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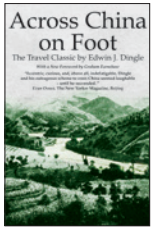

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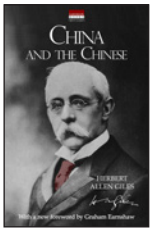

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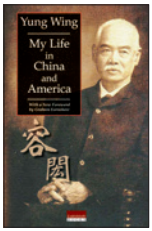

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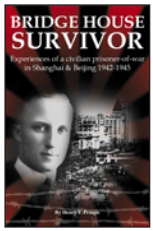

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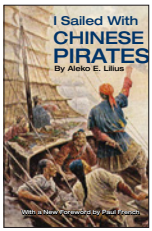

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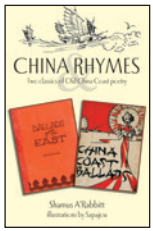

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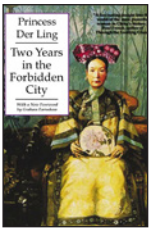

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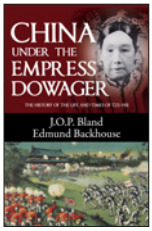

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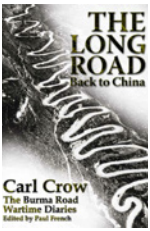

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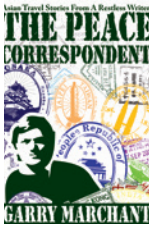

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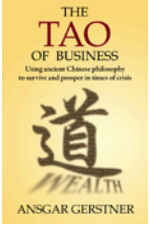

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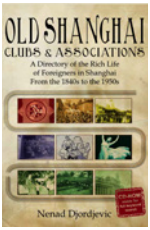

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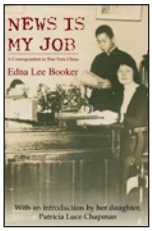

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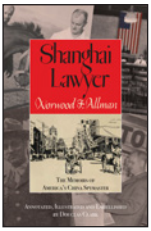

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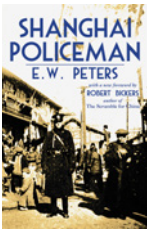

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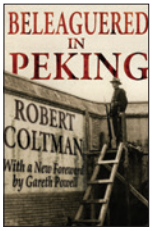

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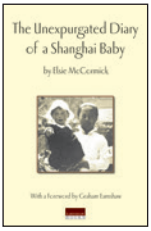

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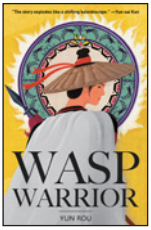

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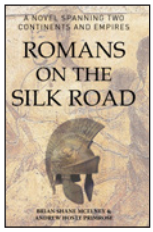

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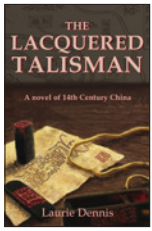

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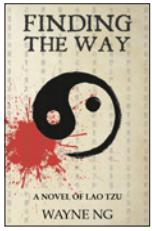

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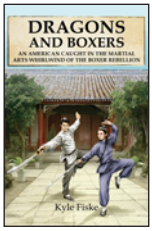

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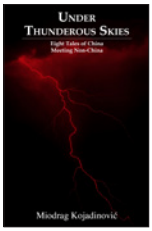

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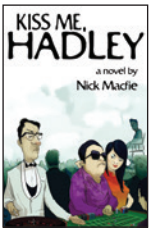

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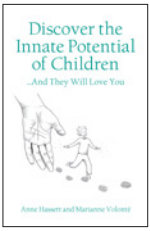

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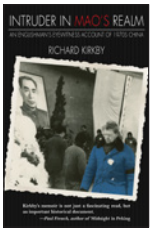

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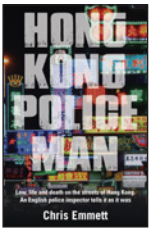

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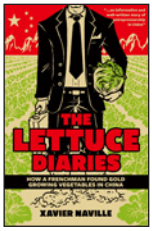

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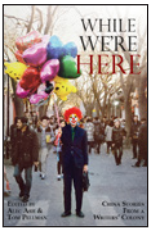

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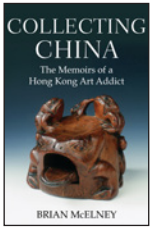

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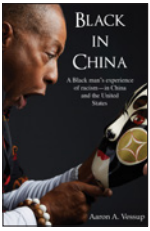

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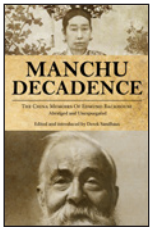

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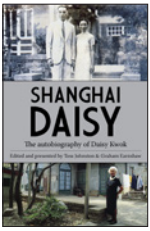

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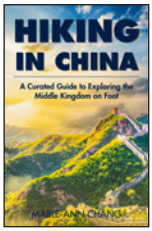

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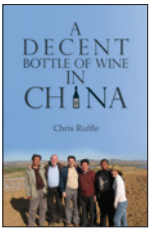

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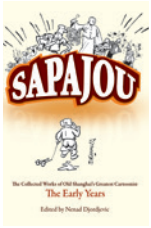

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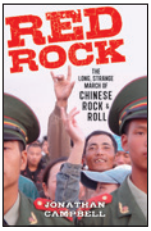

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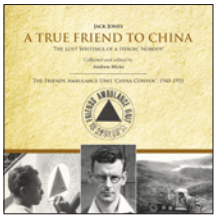

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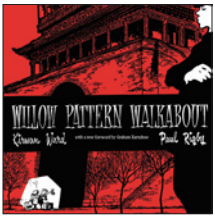

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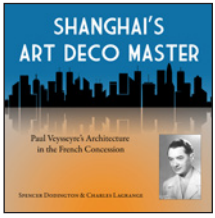

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