



## Is This China's Century?

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Suggested Readings for the 32nd Annual Camden Conference

### Non-Fiction

Abrami, Regina M., William C. Kirby and F. Warren McFarlan. [Can China Lead?: Reaching the Limits of Power and Growth.](#) Harvard Business Review Press. 2014.

Despite China's remarkable economic growth for more than 30 years, it now faces enormous challenges that could shift the country's political and economic trajectory, challenges that are deeply rooted in Chinese history and the country's political system.

Ang, Yuen Yuen. [How China escaped the Poverty Trap.](#) Cornell University Press. 2016.

Ang contends that China evolved into the world's second-largest economy as a result of a coevolutionary process in which the market and government mutually adapted.

Bader, Jeffrey A.. [Obama and China's Rise: An Insider's Account of America's Asia Strategy.](#) Brookings Institution press. 2013.

An Insider's account of the formulation and Implementation of the administration's East Asian policy, dominated by the booming economy, expanding military power and increasing influence over the region of a rising China.

Economy, Elizabeth C.. [The Third Revolution: Xi Jinping and the New Chinese State.](#) Oxford University Press. 2018.

A wide-ranging exploration of Xi Jinping's top political, economic and foreign policy priorities and the tensions, shortcomings and successes of his reform efforts and their implications for the rest of the world.

Huang, Yasheng. [Capitalism with Chinese Characteristics: Entrepreneurship and the State.](#) Cambridge University Press. 2008.

Clarifies the issues related to China's economic development and the growing divide between the rich and poor, the urban and rural.

Huang, Yukon. [Cracking the China Conundrum: Why Conventional Economic Wisdom Is Wrong.](#) Oxford university Press. 2017.

China's rise is altering global power relations, reshaping economic debates, and commanding tremendous public attention. This book provides a holistic and contrarian view of China's major economic, political and foreign policy issues.

Jacques, Martin. [When China Rules the World: The End of the Western World and the Birth of a New Global order: second edition.](#) Penguin Books. 2012.

Expanding a book that was published in 2009, Martin Jacques renews his assault on conventional thinking about China's ascendancy, showing how its impact will be as much political and cultural as economic, changing the world as we know it.

Jun, Ma. [China's Water Crisis.](#) EastBridge, a nonprofit corporation. 2004.

A comprehensive, authoritative, and up-to-date-source of information on the enormous water resource crisis confronting the Peoples Republic of China.

McGregor, Richard. [Asia's Reckoning: China, Japan, and the Fate of U.S. Power in the Pacific Century.](#) Viking. 2017.

A history of the combative, military, diplomatic and economic relations among China, Japan and the United States since the 1970s-and the potential crisis that awaits them.

Nye, Joseph S.. [Is the American Century Over? \(Global Futures\).](#) Polity. 2015.

Despite the tempering of America's superpower status because of its own domestic problems and China's economic boom, Joseph Nye argues that its military, economic and soft power capabilities will continue to outstrip those of its closest rivals for decades to come.

Oros, Andrew Lee and Yuki Tatsumi. [Global Security Watch-Japan.](#) Praeger. 2010.

A comprehensive overview of Japan's national security institutions and policies.

Osnos, Evan. [Age of Ambition: Chasing Fortune, Truth, and Faith in the New China.](#) Farrar, Straus and Giroux. 2015.

The clash between the rise of the individual and the Communist Party's struggle to retain control: a battle between aspiration and authoritarianism, in which only one can prevail.

Schell, Orville and John DeLury. [Wealth and Power: China's Long March to the Twenty-first Century.](#) Random House. 2013.

A panoramic narrative of China's rise that is at once analytical and personal: the examination of the lives of eleven influential officials, writers, activists and leaders whose contributions helped create modern China.

Weiss, Jessica Chen. [Powerful patriots: Nationalist Protest in China's Foreign Relations.](#) Oxford University Press. 2014.

Identification of the diplomatic and domestic factors that drive protest management in authoritarian states and the consequences of actions between 1985 and 2012.

Wu, Xinbo. [East Asian Studies in the perspective of Regional Integration](#). World Century Publishing Corporation. 2018.

Explores the process of regional integration of East Asia as countries in this region experience economic growth and social change.

Yip, George S. and Bruce McKern. [China's Next Strategic Advantage: From Imitation to Innovation](#). The MIT Press. 2017.

China's move away from the strategy of imitation to one of innovation driven both by domestic needs and global ambition.

### **Fiction and Memoirs**

Chang, Eileen. [Naked Earth](#). NYRB Classics. 2015.

A harrowing tale of perverted ideals, damaged souls, deepest loneliness and terror by one of the greatest and most loved modern Chinese writers.

Chang, Jung. [Mao: The Unknown Story](#). Alfred A. Knopf. 2005.

Called the most authoritative life of the Chinese leader ever written.

Clissold, Tim. [Mr. China: A Memoir](#). HarperBusiness. 2006.

Reviewer calls Mr. China one man's coming of age story where he learns to respect and admire the nation he sought to conquer-China.

Guo, Xiaolu. [Nine Continents: A Memoir In and Out of China](#). Grove Press. 2017.

The story of a curious mind coming of age in an inhospitable country, and her determination to seek a life beyond the limits of its boarder.

Hua, Yu. [The Seventh Day: A Novel](#). Anchor. 2016.

In the journey through China after his death, the main character movingly traces the contours of this vast nation-its absurdities, its sorrows, and its soul.

Jian, Ma. [The Dark Road: A Novel](#). Penguin Books. 2014.

A novel about the human cost of China's one-child policy.

Jin, Ha. [Waiting: A Novel](#). Vintage International. 2000.

An amazing glimpse into Chinese culture-not only the political landscape, but family relations.

Li, Yiyun. [The Vagrants](#). Random House Trade. 2010.

A stunning novel that is at once a picture of life in China in the period after Mao, a universal portrait of human frailty and courage, and a mesmerizing work of art.

Lilley, James R. and Jeffrey Lilley. [China hands: Nine Decades of Adventure, Espionage and Diplomacy in Asia](#). PublicAffairs. 2005.

A memoir of a government career that spanned almost four decades, almost 10 of which were spent in China and South Korea.

Meyer, Michael. [The Road to Sleeping Dragon: Learning China from the Ground Up](#). Bloomsbury USA. 2017.

A brilliant portrait of China today and a memoir of coming of age in a country in transition.

Yan, Mo. [Red Sorghum](#). Penguin Books. 1994.

A book of love and resistance in China in which fable and history collide to produce fiction that is entirely new-and unforgettable.

Xingjian, Gao. [Soul Mountain](#). HarperCollins Publisher. 2000.

This book probes the human soul with an uncommon directness and candor and delights in the freedom of the imagination to expand the notion of the individual self.