

The Canadian Children's Book Centre's List of Chinese-Themed Books for Kids and Teens

**Awakening the Dragon:
The Dragon Boat Festival**
Written by **Arlene Chan**
Illustrated by **Song Nan Zhang**
Tundra Books, 2004
ISBN 978-0887768057
Grades 2-3 / Ages 6-9
Category: Picture Book

Bamboo
Written by **Paul Yee**
Illustrated by **Shaoli Wang**
Tradewind Books, 2006
ISBN 978-1894965538
Grades 2-3 / Ages 6-10
Category: Picture Book

**Beyond the Moongate:
True Stories of 1920s China**
Written and illustrated by
Elizabeth Quan
Tundra Books, 2013
ISBN 978-1770493834
Grade 4 / Ages 10-12
Category: Non-Fiction

**Blood and Iron
(I Am Canada)**
Written by **Paul Yee**
Scholastic Canada, 2010
ISBN 978-0545985932
Grades 5-7 / Ages 8-12
Category: Junior Fiction

The Bone Collector's Son
Written by **Paul Yee**
Tradewind Books, 2003
ISBN 978-1896580258
Grades 6-8 / Ages 11-13
Category: Young Adult Fiction

The Boy in the Attic
Written by **Paul Yee**
Illustrated by **Gu Xiong**
Groundwood Books, 1998
ISBN 978-0888993304
Grades 2-3 / Ages 4-7
Category: Picture Book

Breakaway
Written by **Paul Yee**
Groundwood Books, 1994
ISBN 978-0888992017
Grade 5 / Ages 11 and up
Category: Young Adult Fiction

**Chin Chiang and the Dragon's
Dance**
Written and illustrated by **Ian Wallace**
Groundwood Books, 1992 (©1984)
ISBN 978-0888991676
Grade 2 / Ages 4-9
Category: Picture Book

**The Chinese Community in
Toronto: Then and Now**
Written by **Arlene Chan**
Dundurn Press, 2013
ISBN 978-1459707696
Grades 6-8 / Ages 12 and up
Category: Non-Fiction

**The Chinese Thought of It
(We Thought of It)**
Written by **Ting-xing Ye**
Annick Press, 2009
ISBN 978-1554511952
Grades 4-6 / Ages 9-12
Category: Non-Fiction

The Chinese Violin
Written by **Madeleine Thien**
Illustrated by **Joe Chang**
Whitecap Books, 2001
ISBN 978-1552852057
Grades 3-4 / Ages 5-8
Category: Picture Book

Courage to Fly
Written by **Troon Harrison**
Illustrated by **Zhong-Yang Huang**
Red Deer Press, 2002
ISBN 978-0888995361
Grade 3-4 / Ages 5-10
Category: Picture Book

Cowboy of the Steppes
Written and illustrated by
Song Nan Zhang
Tundra Books, 1997
ISBN 978-0887764103
Grade 3 / Ages 8 and up
Category: Non-Fiction

**The Day I Became a Canadian:
A Citizenship Scrapbook**
Written by **Jo Bannatyne-Cugnet**
Illustrated by **Song Nan Zhang**
Tundra Books, 2008
ISBN 978-0887768927
Grades 2-3 / Ages 4-10
Category: Picture Book

**Dead Man's Gold and
Other Stories**
Written by **Paul Yee**
Illustrated by **Harvey Chan**
Groundwood Books, 2002
ISBN 978-0888994752
Grades 4-6 / Ages 9 and up
Category: Junior Fiction

**The Dragon New Year:
A Chinese Legend**
Written by **David Bouchard**
Illustrated by **Zhong-Yang Huang**
Raincoast Books, 1999
ISBN 978-1561452101
Grades 2-3 / Ages 7-10
Category: Picture Book

The Dragon's Pearl
Written by **Julie Lawson**
Illustrated by **Paul Morin**
Oxford University Press, 1992
ISBN 978-0773728820
Grade 3 / Ages 5-9
Category: Folktale

Emma's Story
Written by **Deborah Hodge**
Illustrated by **Song Nan Zhang**
Tundra Books, 2003
ISBN 978-0887766329
Grades 1-3 / Ages 4-8
Category: Picture Book

The Fragrant Garden

Written by **Day's Lee**
 Illustrated by **Josée Bellemare**
 Napoleon Publishing, 2005
 ISBN 978-1894917261
 Grades 1-2 / Ages 5-9
Category: Picture Book

Ghost Train

Written by **Paul Yee**
 Illustrated by **Harvey Chan**
 Groundwood Books, 2010 (©1996)
 ISBN 978-0888999801
 Grade 4 / Ages 8 and up
Category: Picture Book

The Hidden Treasure

Written by **Ruowen Wang**
 Illustrated by **Wei Xu**
 Kevin & Robin Books, 2007
 ISBN 978-0973879810
 Grade 3 / Ages 8-11
Category: Picture Book

The Jade Necklace

Written by **Paul Yee**
 Illustrated by **Grace Lin**
 Tradewind Books, 2002
 ISBN 978-1566564557
 Grades 3-5 / Ages 5-10
Category: Picture Book

The Kids Book of Canada's Railway and How the CPR Was Built

(Kids Books of...)
 Written by **Deborah Hodge**
 Illustrated by **John Mantha**
 Kids Can Press, 2008 (©2000)
 ISBN 978-1554532568
 Grades 4-5 / Ages 8-12
Category: Non-Fiction

Learning to Fly
(Orca Soundings)

Written by **Paul Yee**
 Orca Book Publishers, 2008
 ISBN 978-1551439532
 Grades 3-4 / Ages 12 and up
Category: Teen Fiction (hi-lo)

A Little Tiger in the Chinese Night: An Autobiography in Art

Written and illustrated by **Song Nan Zhang**
 Tundra Books, 1993
 ISBN 978-0887763205
 Grade 5 / Ages 10-14
Category: Non-Fiction

Maggie's Chopsticks

Written by **Alan Woo**
 Illustrated by **Isabelle Malenfant**
 Kids Can Press, 2012
 ISBN 978-1554536191
 Grade 2 / Ages 4-7
Category: Picture Book

Me and Mr. Mah

Written by **Andrea Spalding**
 Illustrated by **Janet Wilson**
 Orca Book Publishers, 1999
 ISBN 978-1551431680
 Grade 3 / Ages 4-8
Category: Picture Book

Mei Ming and the Dragon's Daughter: A Chinese Folktale

Retold by **Lydia Bailey**
 Illustrated by **Martin Springett**
 Scholastic Canada, 1990
 ISBN 978-0590733694
 Grade 4 / Ages 8-11
Category: Folktale

Midnight at the Dragon Café

Written by **Judy Fong Bates**
 McClelland & Stewart, 2004
 ISBN 978-0771010972
 Grades 10-11 / Ages 16 and up
Category: Young Adult Fiction

Mooncakes

Written by **Loretta Seto**
 Illustrated by **Renné Benoit**
 Orca Book Publishers, 2013
 ISBN 978-1-4598-0107-3
 Grades 2-3 / Ages 4-8
Category: Picture Book

Money Boy

Written by **Paul Yee**
 Groundwood Books, 2011
 ISBN 978-1554980932
 Grades 8-9 / Ages 14 and up
Category: Young Adult Fiction

Motherbridge of Love

Written by **Anonymous**
 Illustrated by **Josée Masse**
 Barefoot Books, 2007
 ISBN 978-1846860478
 Grades 1-3 / Ages 7-9
Category: Picture Book

Mountain Girl, River Girl

Written by **Ting-xing Ye**
 Puffin Canada, 2008
 ISBN 978-0143168126
 Grade 9 / Ages 14 and up
Category: Young Adult Fiction

My Friend Mei Jing
(My Friend)

Written by **Anna McQuinn**
 Illustrated by **Ben Frey**
 Photography by **Irvin Cheung**
 Annick Press, 2009
 ISBN 978-1554511525
 Grades 1-2 / Ages 4-7
Category: Picture Book

My Name is Number 4: A True Story

Written by **Ting-xing Ye**
 Doubleday Canada, 2007
 ISBN 978-0385663052
 Grades 7-8 / Ages 13 and up
Category: Non-Fiction

The Mystery of the Frozen Brains
(Marty Chan Mystery)

Written by **Marty Chan**
 Thistledown Press, 2004
 ISBN 978-1894345712
 Grades 4-6 / Ages 8-12
Category: Junior Fiction

Mystery of the Graffiti Ghoul
(Marty Chan Mystery)

Written by **Marty Chan**
 Thistledown Press, 2006
 ISBN 978-1897235003
 Grade 4 / Ages 10-12
Category: Junior Fiction

Mystery of the Mad Science Teacher
(Marty Chan Mystery)

Written by **Marty Chan**
 Thistledown Press, 2008
 ISBN 978-1897235386
 Grade 4 / Ages 10-12
Category: Junior Fiction

Next-Door Neighbours

Written by **Sarah Ellis**
 Groundwood Books, 1989
 ISBN 978-0888990846
 Grade 5 / Ages 10-12
Category: Junior Fiction

An Ocean Apart: The Gold Mountain Diary of Chin Mei-Ling
(Dear Canada)

Written by **Gillian Chan**
 Scholastic Canada, 2004
 ISBN 978-0779113538
 Grades 5-7 / Ages 8-12
Category: Junior Fiction

Once Upon a Full Moon

Written and illustrated by
Elizabeth Quan
Tundra Books, 2007
ISBN 978-0887768132
Grades 3-4 / Ages 8-11
Category: Non-Fiction

Red Land, Yellow River: A Story From the Cultural Revolution

Written and illustrated by **Ange Zhang**
Groundwood Books, 2004
ISBN 978-0888994899
Grades 4-6 / Ages 10 and up
Category: Non-Fiction

Roses Sing on New Snow: A Delicious Tale

Written by **Paul Yee**
Illustrated by **Harvey Chan**
Groundwood Books, 2003 (©1991)
ISBN 978-0888992178
Grade 3 / Ages 6-10
Category: Picture Book

Share the Sky

Written by **Ting-xing Ye**
Illustrated by **Suzane Langlois**
Annick Press, 1999
ISBN 978-1550375787
Grades 2-3 / Ages 5-9
Category: Picture Book

Shen and the Treasure Fleet

Written by **Ray Conlogue**
Annick Press, 2007
ISBN 978-1554511044
Grade 7 / Ages 12 and up
Category: Young Adult Fiction

Shu-Li and Tamara

Written by **Paul Yee**
Illustrated by **Shaoli Wang**
Tradewind Books, 2007
ISBN 978-1896580937
Grades 2-4 / Ages 7-9
Category: Early Chapter Book

A Song for Ba

Written by **Paul Yee**
Illustrated by **Jan Peng Wang**
Groundwood Books, 2004
ISBN 978-0888994929
Grades 2-3 / Ages 5-8
Category: Picture Book

Tales from Gold Mountain: Stories of the Chinese in the New World

Written by **Paul Yee**
Illustrated by **Simon Ng**
Groundwood Books, 1989
ISBN 978-0888990983
Grade 5 / Ages 9-14
Category: Folktale

Three Monks, No Water

Written by **Ting-xing Ye**
Illustrated by **Harvey Chan**
Annick Press, 1997
ISBN 978-1550374421
Grade 3 / Ages 4-8
Category: Picture Book

Throwaway Daughter

Written by **Ting-xing Ye**
Doubleday Canada, 2003
ISBN 978-0385659529
Grades 7-9 / Ages 12-17
Category: Young Adult Fiction

To Share One Moon

Written by **Ruowen Wang**
Illustrated by **Wei Xu** and
Xiaoyan Zheng
Kevin & Robin Books, 2008
ISBN 978-1897458013
Grades 2-4 / Ages 5-10
Category: Picture Book

Tunnels of Treachery (Moose Jaw Adventure)

Written by **Mary Harelkin Bishop**
Coteau Books, 2003
ISBN 978-1550502701
Grades 4-6 / Ages 9-14
Category: Junior Fiction

Warriors and Wailers: One Hundred Ancient Chinese Jobs You Might Have Relished on Reviled

(Jobs in History)
Written by **Sarah Tsiang**
Illustrated by **Martha Newbigging**
Annick Press, 2012
ISBN 978-1554513901
Grades 4-5 / Ages 9-12
Category: Non-Fiction

Weighing the Elephant

Written by **Ting-xing Ye**
Illustrated by **Suzane Langlois**
Annick Press, 1998
ISBN 978-1550375275
Grade 3 / Ages 4-7
Category: Picture Book

West Coast Chinese Boy

Written and illustrated by **Sing Lim**
Tundra Books, 1991 (©1979)
ISBN 978-0887762703
Grades 4-5 / Ages 10 and up
Category: Non-Fiction

What Happened This Summer

Written by **Paul Yee**
Tradewind Books, 2006
ISBN 978-1896580883
Grades 8-9 / Ages 14 and up
Category: Young Adult Fiction

White Jade Tiger

Written by **Julie Lawson**
Sandcastle Books, 2006 (©1993)
ISBN 978-1550026535
Grade 6 / Ages 10 and up
Category: Junior Fiction

White Lily

Written by **Ting-xing Ye**
Illustrated by **Bernadette Lau**
Doubleday Canada, 2000
ISBN 978-0385258968
Grades 4-6 / Ages 8-12
Category: Junior Fiction

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