

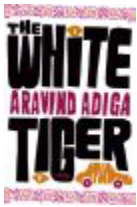


# THE ASIA-PACIFIC EXPERIENCE

by KP and JN 08/10

Asia-Pacific usually includes most of East Asia, Southeast Asia, Australia, and Oceania. It may also include Russia and the major countries located on the Asian Continent. The books listed below include many of the regions listed above.

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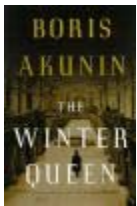
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## THE WHITE TIGER

By Aravind Adiga

Call #: F Adiga

Balam Halwai is a complicated man. Servant. Philosopher. Entrepreneur. Murderer. Over the course of seven nights, by the scattered light of a preposterous chandelier, Balam tells the terrible and transfixing story of how he came to be a success in life - - having nothing but his own wits to help him along.



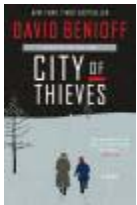
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## THE WINTER QUEEN

By Boris Akunin

Call #: F Akunin

When a young student from a wealthy family commits suicide in the Alexander Gardens, Erast Fandorin of the Moscow Police investigates the supposedly open-and-shut case and discovers that the student's suicide is not an isolated case.



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## CITY OF THIEVES

By David Benioff

Call #: F Benioff

Instead of the standard bullet in the back of the head, Lev and Kolya are given a chance at saving their own lives by complying with an outrageous directive: secure a dozen eggs for a powerful colonel to use in his daughter's wedding cake.



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## BROTHERS

By Da Chen

Call #: F Chen

Two half brothers born to a powerful general, one to the general's wife and one to his mistress, know nothing of each other's existence. One is driven to glorify his father, the other wants revenge.





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## **LONG FOR THIS WORLD**

By Sonya Chung

**Call #: F Chung**

Half a century after stowing away on a ferry carrying older family members, Han Hyun-kyu leaves his family to return to Korea and is followed by his daughter, an injured war photographer, who joins him in the small community of his youth to confront shared tragedies.



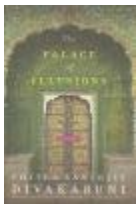
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## **FOR MATRIMONIAL PURPOSES**

By Kavita Daswani

**Call #: F Daswani**

Unable to find a husband despite the efforts of friends, fortune-tellers, and matchmakers, thirty-three year old Anju, confronted by her family's shame, obtains their permission to leave Bombay to look for a husband in the United States.



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## **THE PALACE OF ILLUSIONS**

By Chitra Banerjee Divakaruni

**Call #: F Divakaruni**

Panchaali, wife of the five legendary Pandavas brothers, offers her own version of the ancient Indian epic, The Mahabharat.



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## **THE TSARINA'S DAUGHTER**

By Carolly Erickson

**Call #: F Erickson**

It is 1989 and Daria Gradov is an elderly grandmother living in the rural West. What neighbors and even her children don't know, however, is that she is not who she claims to be--the widow of a Russian immigrant of modest means. In actuality she began her life as the Grand Duchess Tatiana, known as Tania to her parents, Tsar Nicholas II and Tsarina Alexandra.



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## **MEMOIRS OF A GEISHA**

By Arthur Golden

**Call #: F Golden**

The story of a young girl's transformation into a geisha. But as World War II erupts and the geisha houses are forced to close, Sayuri must reinvent herself all over again to find a rare kind of freedom on her own terms.



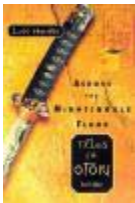
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## **EARTHLY DELIGHTS**

By Kerry Greenwood

**Call #: F Greenwood (Mystery Area)**

Former accountant turned baker, Corrina, deals with quirky offbeat neighbors while solving a few small crimes on the side.



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## **ACROSS THE NIGHTENGALE FLOOR**

By Lian Hearn



**Call #: F Hearn**

In a novel set in a land much like ancient Japan, a young boy named Takeo becomes a pawn in the ceaseless wars between rival warlord clans in a culture ruled by codes of honor and formal rituals.



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## **G'DAY TO DIE**

By Maddy Hunter

**Call #: F Hunter (Mystery Area)**

An odyssey to visit the great stone monoliths at Port Campbell's National Park leads to more mayhem for tour guide Emily Andrews and her quirky group of Iowa senior citizens, when they stumble upon a mysteriously dead botanist.



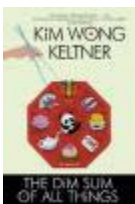
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## **ADDITION**

By Toni Jordan

**Call #: F Jordan**

In Melbourne, Australia, a neurotic, 35 year old, woman who loves to count meets an Irish transplant named Seamus Joseph O'Reilly and with some gentle encouragement decides to give love a chance. Can she find a happy medium between her obsession and living life to its fullest?



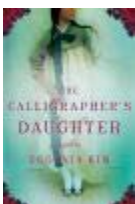
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## **THE DIM SUM OF ALL THINGS**

By Kim Wong Keltner

**Call #: F Keltner**

A thoroughly modern young American woman living in San Francisco, Lindsey Owyang has little in common with her Chinese heritage, until an unexpected event forces her to reexamine her family's history and the need to meld the old culture with the new.



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## **THE CALLIGRAPHER'S DAUGHTER**

By Eugenia Kim



**Call #: F Kim**

In early-twentieth-century Korea, Najin Han, the privileged daughter of a calligrapher, longs to choose her own destiny. Smart and headstrong, she is encouraged by her mother--but her stern father is determined to maintain tradition, especially as the Japanese steadily gain control of his beloved country.



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## **THE SURRENDERED**

By Chang-Rae Lee



**Call #: F Lee**

At the end of the Korean War, the lives of orphan June Han and American soldier Hector Brennan collide. Thirty years later, they meet again and are forced to come to terms with the secrets of their devastating past.





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## BEIJING COMA

By Jian Ma

**Call #: F Ma**

Awakening after a decade of unconsciousness, former Tiananmen Square protester Dai Wei learns that his mother had sold one of his kidneys to finance his care, and that the China he knew has undergone radical change.



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## KITCHEN CHINESE

By Ann Mah

**Call #: F Mah**

Isabelle Lee, after being dumped by her boyfriend and fired from her job, decides to move from New York to Beijing in hopes of a better career.



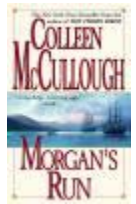
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## SHIMURA TROUBLE

By Sujata Massey

**Call #: F Massey (Mystery Area)**

Rei Shimura has plenty to keep her busy. She works as an undercover agent, her father is recovering from a stroke, her mixed feelings for another agent, and then her extended family who invited them for a birthday party but really want to reclaim the family plantation. Murder, a troubled teen, and the mafia complicate the story further with hidden secrets and deadly outcomes.



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## MORGAN'S RUN

By Colleen McCullough

**Call #: F McCullough**

An epic tale of Australia's first settlers, based on the extraordinary life of one man. Richard Morgan is a roistering, down-on-his-luck, 18th century hero, irresistible to women and full of charm.



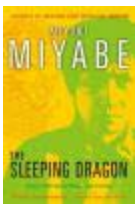
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## THOUSAND PIECES OF GOLD

By Ruthanne Lum McCunn

**Call #: F McCunn**

The family of Polly Bemis (Lalu Nathoy) sells her to bandits and a Chinese saloon keeper, but she ends up married to an American and homesteading in Idaho.



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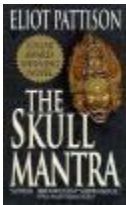
## THE SLEEPING DRAGON

By Miyuki Miyabe

**Call #: F Miyabe (Mystery Area)**

Kosaka, a journalist, joins forces with two young men who claim to have psychic powers, as they search for a young boy who has gone missing after a typhoon has struck Tokyo, each harboring suspicions about each other and the possibility that the boy has been murdered.





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## THE SKULL MANTRA

By Eliot Pattison

**Call #: F Pattison**

A Chinese official is murdered in a slave camp in Tibet. One of the prisoners, a disgraced Chinese prosecutor, is ordered to write a report accusing a Buddhist monk. He discovers the real culprits are Chinese officials and American miners, but the truth may hurt the camp more than a lie.



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## EMPRESS

By Sa Shan

**Call #: F Shan**

Empress Wu, China's only female emperor, rises from a humble clan and position of concubine to brave the intrigues, betrayal, and violence of the court to become the first Empress of China during the great Tang dynasty in seventh-century China.



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## A TOWN LIKE ALICE

By Nevil Shute

**Call #: F Shute**

The story of a young woman who miraculously survived a Japanese death march in World War II and an Australian soldier, also a prisoner of war, who offered to help her.



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## SLUMDOG MILLIONAIRE

By Vikas Swarup

**Call #: F Swarup**

The story of Ram Thomas, an uneducated orphan from the slums of Mumbai, India. The story opens with authorities, unconvinced that a slumdog could answer all twelve questions correctly on India's biggest game show, Who Will Win a Billion?, holding Ram on suspicions of cheating.



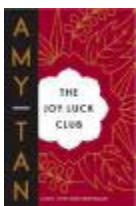
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## THE PEARL DIVER

By Jeff Talarigo

**Call #: F Talarigo**

A young woman's expectations about living out her life as a Japanese pearl diver is shattered by the discovery that she has leprosy. Rejected by her family she is exiled to a leprosarium on the island of Nagashima.



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## THE JOY LUCK CLUB

By Amy Tan

**Call #: F Tan**

In 1949, four Chinese women--drawn together by the shadow of their past--begin meeting in San Francisco to play mah jong, invest in stocks and "say" stories. They call their gathering the Joy Luck Club--and forge a relationship that binds them for more than three decades.





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## **CHIMERA**

By Rob Thurman

**Call #: F Thurman (Sci-Fi/Fantasy Area)**

Ten years ago, Stefan Korsak's younger brother was kidnapped. No one knew who took Lukas, or why . . . As a rising figure in the Russian Mafia, Stefan has finally found him. But when he rescues Lukas, Stefan must confront a terrible truth-- his brother is no longer his brother.



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## **THE VEIL OF GOLD**

By Kim Wilkins

**Call #: F Wilkins**

When the statue of a golden bear is found walled up in a dilapidated St. Petersburg bathhouse owned by her family, Rosa Kovalenka knows in her heart that this is no trick of fate. Her uncle thinks of treasure, but Rosa fears the bear is much more.



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## **EVERYTHING ASIAN**

By Sung J. Woo

**Call #: F Woo**

Young David Kim reunites with the father he has not seen in five years while working in the family strip-mall gift shop, an endeavor during which he harbors a secret shame about what he believes to be his father's character flaws.



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## **THE MARRIAGE BUREAU FOR RICH PEOPLE**

By Farahad Zama

**Call #: F Zama**

After Mr. Ali retires, he launches a matchmaking service that helps an array of clients arrange marriages. But he's unaware of his able assistant's dire need for his marriage bureau.



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## **AMERICAN BORN CHINESE**

By Gene Luen Yang

**Call #: 741.597 Yan (Graphic Novel Area)**

Alternates three interrelated stories about the problems of young Chinese Americans trying to participate in the popular culture. Presented in comic book format.