

Chinese Experiences in the American West

A Reader's Resource

Inspired by the 2025 Winter Read
Four Treasures of the Sky by Jenny Tinghui Zhang



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The Brightest Star by Gail Tsukiyama | FICTION Tsukiyama

Deep Creek by Dana Hand | FICTION Hand

Four Treasures of the Sky by Jenny Tinghui Zhang | MAIN Fiction Zhang

How to Pronounce Knife by Souvankham Thammavongsa | FICTION Thammavongsa

Interior Chinatown by Charles Yu | FICTION Yu

The Leftover Woman by Jean Kwok | FICTION Kwok

The Many Daughters of Afong Moy by Jamie Ford | FICTION Ford

Moon Bones: A Nellie Burns and Moonshine Mystery by Julie Weston | MYSTERY Weston

Straw Dogs of the Universe by Ye Chun | FICTION Ye

NONFICTION

China Men by Maxine Hong Kingston | 973.049 KIN

The Chinese in America: A Narrative History by Iris Chang | 973.0495 CHA

The Chinese Must Go: Violence, Exclusion, and the Making of the Alien in America by Beth Lew-Williams | RHD 305.895 LEW

Empire's Tracks: Indigenous Nations, Chinese Workers, and the Transcontinental Railroad by Manu Karuka | 385.0978 KAR

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Gold Mountain Turned to Dust: Essays on the Legal History and the Chinese in the Nineteen Century by John R. Wunder | RHD 342.7308 WUN

Guarding the Golden Door by Roger Daniels | NEW 325.73 DAN

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Massacred for Gold: The Chinese in Hells Canyon by R. Gregory Nokes | RHD 979.57 NOK

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The Middle Kingdom Under the Big Sky: A History of the Chinese Experience in Montana by Mark T. Johnson | 978.6 JOH

Minor Feelings: An Asian American Reckoning by Cathy Park Hong | 305.489 HON

The Poker Bride: The First Chinese in the Wild West by Christopher Corbett | RHD 979.404 COR

Polly Bemis: The Life and Times of a Chinese American Pioneer by Priscilla Wegars | RHD 305.895 WEG

The Snakehead: An Epic Tale of the Chinatown Underworld and the American Dream by Patrick Radden Keefe | 364.13 KEE

Thousand Pieces of Gold: A Biographical Novel by Ruthanne Lum McCunn | RHD 813.54 MCC

Western Journeys by Teow Lim Goh | NEW 305..895 GOH

White Borders: The History of Race and Immigration in the United States from Chinese Exclusion to the Border Wall by Reece Jones | 305.8 JON

The White Devil's Daughters: The Women Who Fought Slavery in San Francisco's Chinatown by Julia Flynn Siler | 306.362 SIL

The Woman Warrior: Memoirs of a Girlhood Among Ghosts by Maxine Hong Kingston | 920 KIN

Zhi Lin: In Search of the Lost History of Chinese Migrants and the Transcontinental Railroads by Rock Hushka | RHD 709.2 ZHI

FILM

Thousand Pieces of Gold | Streaming on Kanopy

POETRY

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Islanders by Teow Lim Goh | NEW 811.6 GOH



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