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Remembrances 1986 stephen owen s book inspired by chinese literature is for all who value literature in any language remembrances takes up the strongest claims we can make for literature that it can sustain life in the present as well as the life of the past the past has always played a particularly powerful role in chinese civilization owen shows how the fascination with the past came into being in chinese literature and he discusses some of the forms it took and the ways readers have responded he reflects on a series of moments in chinese writing from the seventh century b c to the early nineteenth century moments when the past rose up with particular force through poems anecdotes exegeses and one long story of an ardent collector and his wife owen treats a theme basic to chinese civilization not as an exotic conceit but as a motif fundamental to our own civilization even though its expression differs from our own from publisher s description

Encountering China's Past 2022-04-12 this book features articles contributed by leading scholars and scholar translators in translation studies and chinese studies from around the world written in english the articles examine the translation of classical chinese literature from classics to poetry from drama to fiction into a range of asian and european languages including japanese english french czech and danish the collection therefore provides a platform for readers to make comparative and critical readings of scholarship across languages cultures disciplines and genres with its integration of textual and paratextual materials this collection of essays is of potential interest to not only academics in the area of translation studies chinese studies literary studies and intercultural communications but it may also appeal to communities outside the academia who simply enjoy reading about literature

Tales of Futures Past 2014-07-09 most studies of chinese literature conflate the category of the future with notions of progress and nation building and with the utopian visions broadcast by the maoist and post mao developmental state the future is thus understood as a preconceived endpoint that is propagated at times even imposed by a center of power by contrast tales of futures past

introduces anticipation the expectations that permeate life as it unfolds as a lens through which to reexamine the textual institutional and experiential aspects of chinese literary culture from the 1950s to 2011 in doing so paola iovene connects the emergence of new literary genres with changing visions of the future in contemporary china this book provides a nuanced and dynamic account of the relationship between state discourses market pressures and individual writers and texts it stresses authors and editors efforts to redefine what constitutes literature under changing political and economic circumstances engaging with questions of translation temporality formation of genres and stylistic change iovene mines chinese science fiction and popular science puts forward a new interpretation of familiar chinese avant garde fiction and offers close readings of texts that have not yet received any attention in english language scholarship far ranging in its chronological scope and impressive in its interdisciplinary approach this book rethinks the legacies of socialism in postsocialist chinese literary modernity

Chinese Literature, Ancient and Classical 2007-03-05 andré lévy provides a picture of chinese literature of the past that brilliantly illustrates the four great literary genres of china the classics prose poetry and the literature of entertainment his discussion of approximately 120 vivid translations combines personal insights with innovative historical accounts in a genre based approach that moves beyond the typical chronology of dynasties renowned scholar william h nienhauser jr translated lévy s work from the french and returned to the original chinese for the texts this informative engaging and eminently readable introduction to the three millennia of traditional chinese literature is highly recommended for students and general readers

Blooming and Contending 1985 chinese literature has been the slave of politics at least since 1948 and especially during the cultural revolution so repressed and convoluted is most chinese literature that the west cannot read it as literature at all but rather as sociological and political texts professor duke believes this has changed enough since 1977 to permit genuine literary analysis this book

surveys and analyzes the most important literary events in the prc from 1977 to 1982 chapter i covers the significant changes in the chinese party line on literature and art during this period and thus provides the backdrop for literary and artistic endeavor subsequent chapters deal with the critique of chinese literature by china s own writers the neo realistic fiction of 1979 80 the nonfiction works of a courageous investigative reporter for the people s daily and the theme of humanism and its treatment in the works of bai hua and dai houying the final chapter discusses the post mao generation of young writers who are trying to create works that go beyond narrowly ideological boundaries of the past and reach toward a true modern chinese literature

The Past and the Punishments 1996-05-01 to travel through these stories is to cross a landscape of stunning beauty and terrific cruelty where expectations are subverted where moral certainties are shattered where gorgeously wrought surfaces beguile at the same time that acts of incredible brutality horrify it is no wonder that yu hua s stories caused a sensation when they first appeared in the 1980s his work represents a sophisticated and often disturbing revolution in the chinese literary tradition reminiscent of the fiction of modernists like kafka kawabata borges and robbe grillet but drawing inspiration from several strains of traditional chinese narrative as well this is the first collection of short fiction by yu hua to appear in english it takes us on a haunting and harrowing journey from classical china through the cultural revolution and into the new era of economic reform exploding along the way our preconceived notions of what chinese literature and culture are all about in the 1990s

Chinese Literature in the Second Half of a Modern Century 2000-09-22 an important contribution to the study of recent chinese literature choice this fine scholarly survey of chinese literature since 1949 discusses such trends as modernism nativism realism root seeking and scar literature misty poets and political feminist and societal issues in modern chinese literature library journal this volume is a survey of modern chinese literature in the second half of the twentieth century it has

three goals 1 to introduce figures works movements and debates that constitute the dynamics of chinese literature from 1949 to the end of the century 2 to depict the enunciative endeavors ranging from ideological treatises to avant garde experiments that inform the polyphonic discourse of chinese cultural politics 3 to observe the historical factors that enacted the interplay of literary post modernities across the chinese communities in the mainland taiwan hong kong and overseas Contested Modernities in Chinese Literature 2015-10-14 this book is a significant gathering of ideas on the subject of modern chinese literature and culture of the past several years the essays represent a wide spectrum of new approaches and new areas of subject matter that are changing the landscape of knowledge of modern and contemporary chinese culture women s literature theatre performance film graphic arts popular literature as well as literature of the chinese diaspora these phenomena and the approaches to them manifest interconnected trajectories for new scholarship in the field the rewriting of literary history the emergence of visual culture and the quotidian apocalypse the displacement of revolutionary romanticism and realism as central paradigms for cultural expression by the perspective of private everyday experience

The Columbia Companion to Modern Chinese Literature 2016-04-05 the columbia companion to modern chinese literature features more than fifty short essays on specific writers and literary trends from the qing period 1895 1911 to the present the volume opens with thematic essays on the politics and ethics of writing literary history the formation of the canon the relationship between language and form the role of literary institutions and communities the effects of censorship the representation of the chinese diaspora the rise and meaning of sinophone literature and the role of different media in the development of literature subsequent essays focus on authors their works and the schools with which they were aligned featuring key names titles and terms in english and in chinese characters woven throughout are pieces on late qing fiction popular entertainment fiction martial arts fiction experimental theater post mao avant garde poetry post martial law fiction from

taiwan contemporary genre fiction from china and recent internet literature the volume includes essays on such authors as liang qichao lu xun shen congwen eileen chang jin yong mo yan wang anyi gao xingjian and yan lianke both a teaching tool and a go to research companion this volume is a one of a kind resource for mastering modern literature in the chinese speaking world **An Anthology of Chinese Literature** 1996 a compendium of traditional chinese literature offers a broad variety of genres including poetry letters stories excerpts from novels and drama philosophical writings jokes and other prose forms

Chinese Revolution and Chinese Literature 2009-05-05 this volume has brought together essays to explore analyse and interpret the revolutionary tradition in modern chinese literature over the past century from various angles the authors examines the bodily or carnal dimension especially the hidden implication of sexual passion in revolutionary literature formulate feminist critiques of the conception of women in literary expressions of revolution explore the function of revolution as historical discourse and in historiographical representation and discuss the reworking of revolutionary classics in recent literary and artistic endeavours here revolution in history and in literature is conceptualized neither as an unquestionably progressive and creative force for a new world nor an absolutely pejorative concept that necessarily leads to sociopolitical turmoil and tragedy insofar as postrevolutionary writings cannot but reappropriate the revolutionary spirit as their unavoidable and inseparable traumatic kernel studies in revolutionary literature and culture too go through the zigzag experience of revolution in order to scrutinize its complex implications

An Outline of Chinese Literature I 2017-07-28 different from previous researches weighted toward historical description and individual writer and work this book establishes a general analytical system and a multi angled methodology to examine chinese literature

The Oxford Handbook of Classical Chinese Literature (1000 BCE-900CE) 2017-03-21 this volume introduces readers to classical chinese literature from its beginnings ca 10th century bce to

the tenth century ce it asks basic questions such as how did reading and writing practices change over these two millennia how did concepts of literature evolve what were the factors that shaped literary production and textual transmission how do traditional bibliographic categories modern conceptions of genre and literary theories shape our understanding of classical chinese literature what are the recurrent and evolving concerns of writings within the period under purview what are the dimensions of human experience they address why is classical chinese literature important for our understanding of pre modern east asia how does the transmission of this literature in japan korea and vietnam define cultural boundaries and what in turn can we learn from the chinese style literatures of japan korea and vietnam about chinese literature in addressing these guestions the oxford handbook of classical chinese literature departs from standard literary histories and sourcebooks it does not simply categorize literary works according to periods authors or texts its goal is to offer a new conceptual framework for thinking about classical chinese literature by defining a four part structure the first section discusses the basics of literacy and includes topics such as writing systems manuscript culture education and loss and preservation in textual transmission it is followed by a second section devoted to conceptions of genre textual organization and literary signification throughout chinese history a third section surveys literary tropes and themes the final section takes us beyond china to the surrounding cultures that adopted chinese culture and produced chinese style writing adapted to their own historical circumstances the volume is sustained by a dual foci the recuperation of historical perspectives for the period it surveys and the attempt to draw connections between past and present demonstrating how the viewpoints and information in this volume yield insights into modern china and east asia

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China's Literary and Cultural Scenes at the Turn of the 21st Century 2013-10-18 china s literary and cultural production at the turn of the twenty first century is marked by heterogeneity plurality and diversity given its complexity the literary cultural production of this period perhaps can be understood most productively as a response to a global modernity that has touched and transformed all aspects of contemporary chinese reality the eleven essays in this book offer an introduction to some of the most important works published at the turn of the twenty first century in combining textual analysis of specific works with theoretical insights and in locating the texts in their sociocultural and socioeconomic contexts the essays explore key theoretical issues and intellectual concerns of the time they collectively draw a broad contour of new developments major trends and radical changes capturing the intellectual and cultural zeitgeist of the age all in all these essays offer new theoretical approaches to and critical perspectives on contemporary chinese literature and culture

China and the West at the Crossroads 2016-06-23 beginning with a retrospective of the past century this book offers a panoramic picture of chinese comparative literature from its nascence in the early 1920s through its evolution in the 1980s to the new development at the turn of the century ending with a prospective look at the future of comparative literature in the 21st century the articles

presented here reveal the author's deep understandings of the literature and culture of her own country and those of other countries a rich array of case studies and in depth theorizing make it an extremely interesting and enlightening read prof daiyun yue is a prominent professor at peking university and a leading figure in chinese comparative literature she has served as head of the institute for comparative literature and cultural studies pku 1984 1998 and the third president of the chinese comparative literature association 1989 2014 further she is the founder of dialogue transculturel a much acclaimed journal of comparative literature prof yue approaches outstanding literature as a bridge to link people of different cultural traditions the reason why interdisciplinary literary research between two alien cultures is possible is because dialog between alien cultures along with exchange and understanding is more readily realized through literature herein lies the value of comparative literature

Subjective Writing in Contemporary Chinese Literature 2020-09-15 translated from the original french publication this book provides a comprehensive analysis of 20th century chinese literature and examines the relationship between chinese literary theory and modernity the author surveys the work of leading writers including zhang ailing beidao and mu dan the author seeks to answer some fundamental questions in the study of chinese literary history such as how does contemporary chinese literature go from historical narrative to the narrative of the i where rhythm and epic merge into writing and where the instinctive load of the rhythm substantiates the epic what are the steps and the forms of mediation that allow such a transition is the subject the only agent of the transition what is its status what is the role of poetic language that led to the birth of the subject and which separates it from empiricism what are the difficulties faced by chinese writers today young chinese writers set off in search of a totally new writing to rediscover subjectivity which is in no way limited to literature it also covers areas such as the law and the expression of the i confronted to an overpowering we

The Cambridge History of Chinese Literature 2010-06-30 china has one of the longest continuous literary traditions in the world from the beginnings of the chinese written language to the lively world of internet literature these two volumes tell the story of chinese writing both as an instrument of the state and as a medium for culture outside the state the chapters organized chronologically treat not only poetry drama and fiction but also historical writing and other prose forms written by internationally recognized experts in the field the history frequently challenges current scholarship from taking recent archeological discoveries into consideration to understanding chinese modernity not as a sudden rupture with the past but as part of a longer process the history offers both an integrated narrative situating literature in its larger cultural context and an overview of the key developments of the past millennia accessible to non specialist readers as well as scholars and students of chinese

The Subject in Crisis in Contemporary Chinese Literature 2004-05-31 post mao china produced two parallel discourses on the human subject in the new era 1976 1989 one was an autonomous enlightenment humanist self aimed at replacing the revolutionary paragon that had dominated under mao the other was a more problematic subject suffering from either a symbolic physical deformity or some kind of spiritual paralysis that undermines its apparent normalcy how do we explain the stubborn presence in the literature of the 1980s and 1990s of this crippled agent who fails to realize the humanist autonomy envisioned by post mao theorists what are the anxieties and tensions embedded in this incongruity and what do they reveal this illuminating and original critical study of the crippled subject in post mao literature offers a detailed textual analysis of the work of five well known contemporary writers han shaogong can xue yu hua mo yan and jia pingwa the author investigates not only the literary characters within the texts but also their creators real subjects in history chinese writers whose own agency was being tested and established in the search for a new subjectivity she argues that reenacting the maoist legacy the literary search failed to

provide a viable model for a postrevolutionary china in addition the deficiency and inadequacy of the subject cannot always be contained in the communist past a history to be transcended in the design of modernity after mao the representation of the problematic subject thus punctured post mao optimism and foreshadowed the eventual abandonment of the move to rethink subjectivity in the 1990s by diving beneath the euphoria of the 1980s and the confusion and frustration of the 1990s these critical readings offer a unique perspective with which to gauge the complexity of china s quest for modernity and a fuller understanding of the self's multifaceted experience in the post mao era

From May Fourth to June Fourth 2009-06-30 what do the chinese literature and film inspired by the cultural revolution 1966 1976 have in common with the chinese literature and film of the may fourth movement 1918 1930 this new book demonstrates that these two periods of the highest literary and cinematic creativity in twentieth century china share several aims to liberate these narrative arts from previous aesthetic orthodoxies to draw on foreign sources for inspiration and to free individuals from social conformity although these consistencies seem readily apparent with a sharper focus the distinguished contributors to this volume reveal that in many ways discontinuity not continuity prevails their analysis illuminates the powerful meeting place of language imagery and narrative with politics history and ideology in twentieth century china drawing on a wide range of methodologies from formal analysis to feminist criticism from deconstruction to cultural critique the authors demonstrate that the scholarship of modern chinese literature and film has become integral to contemporary critical discourse they respond to eurocentric theories but their ultimate concern is literature and film in china's unique historical context the volume illustrates three general issues preoccupying this century s scholars the conflict of the rural search for roots and the native soil movement versus the new strains of urban exoticism the diacritics of voice narrative mode and intertextuality and the reintroduction of issues surrounding gender and subjectivity table of contents preface acknowledgments introduction david der wei wang part 1 country and city 1 visitation of the past in han shaogong s post 1985 fiction joseph s m lau 2 past present and future in mo yan s fiction of the 1980s michael s duke 3 shen congwen s legacy in chinese literature of the 1980s jeffrey c kinkley 4 imaginary nostalgia shen congwen song zelai mo yan and li yongping david der wei wang 5 urban exoticism in modern and contemporary chinese literature heinrich fruehauf part 2 subjectivity and gender 6 text intertext and the representation of the writing self in lu yun dafu and wang meng vi tsi mei feuerwerker 7 invention and intervention the making of a female tradition in modern chinese literature lydia h liu 8 living in sin from may fourth via the antirightist movement to the present margaret h decker part 3 narrative voice and cinematic vision 9 lu xun s facetious muse the creative imperative in modern chinese fiction marston anderson 10 lives in profile on the authorial voice in modern and contemporary chinese literature theodore huters 11 melodramatic representation and the may fourth tradition of chinese cinema paul g pickowicz 12 male narcissism and national culture subjectivity in chen kaige s king of the children rey chow afterword reflections on change and continuity in modern chinese fiction leo ou fan lee notes contributors from may fourth to june fourth will he warmly welcomed it should be of great interest to all concerned with literary developments in the contemporary world on the one hand and on the other with the enigmas surrounding china s alternating attempts to develop and to destroy herself as a civilization cyril birch university of california berkelev

A History of Modern Chinese Popular Literature 2020-07-30 the first english translation of one of the most authoritative and significant studies in the field of modern chinese literature A Treasury of Chinese Literature 1990 this collection of classic storytellers would ply their trade on city corners and village streets for anyone willing to pay a small fee here is a collection of these tales enthralling pieces of china s literary past

Chinese Rhyme-Prose 2015-01-13 selected as one of the sixty five masterpieces for the unesco

collection of representative works the fu or rhyme prose is a major poetic form in chinese literature most popular between the 2nd century b c and 6th century a d unlike what is usually considered chinese poetry it is a hybrid of prose and rhymed verse more expansive than the condensed lyrics verging on what might be called whitmanesque the thirteen long poems included here are descriptions of and meditations on such subjects as mountains and abandoned cities the sea and the wind owls and goddesses partings and the idle life burton watson is universally considered the foremost english language translator of classical chinese and japanese literature for the past five decades gary snyder calls him a great and graceful scholar and robert aitken has written that burton watson is a superb translator because he knows what literature is here his seemingly effortless translations are accompanied by a comprehensive introduction to the development and characteristics of the fu form as well as excerpts from contemporary commentary on the genre a path breaking study of pre modern chinese literature and an essential volume for poetry readers the book has been out of print for decades for this edition lucas klein has provided a preface that considers both the fu form and watson's extraordinary work as a whole The Appropriation of Cultural Capital 2020-03-23 for much of the twentieth century the may fourth movement of 1919 was seen as the foundational moment of modernity in china recent examinations of literary and cultural modernity in china have however led to a questioning of this view by approaching may fourth from novel perspectives the authors of the eight studies in this volume seek to contribute to the ongoing critique of the movement the essays are centered on the intellectual and cultural historical motivations and practices behind may fourth discourse and highlight issues such as strategies of discourse formation scholarly methodologies rhetorical dispositions the manipulation of historical sources and the construction of modernity by means of the reification of china s literary past

History of Chinese Literature 2019 global elements in chinese literature illustrates how modern

chinese writers have assimilated and transformed key movements of western literature to develop their own unique forms of expression in order to confront the problems facing humanity today <u>Global Elements in Chinese Literature</u> 2022-11-28 this new anthology of chinese literature is designed to serve the layman as introduction to classical and modern chinese prose literature preface

A Treasury of Chinese Literature 1965 the netherlands have a long and proud history in chinese

studies this volume collects not only articles that trace the historical development of chinese studies in the netherlands from the middle of the nineteenth century to the present and beyond but also studies that deal with dutch research in specific disciplines within chinese studies chinese studies in the netherlands originated from the needs of the dutch colonial administration in the dutch east indies but developed a strong philological emphasis in the first part of the twentieth century to turn increasingly towards disciplinary research on modern and contemporary china in the last few decades contributors include leonard blussé maghiel van crevel barend ter haar albert hoffstädt wilt idema mark leenhouts oliver moore frank pieke and rint sybesma Chinese Studies in the Netherlands 2013-12-09 this book deals with contemporary chinese literature and literary culture especially in regard to the impact of globalisation and analyses the innovative narrative structure of chinese experimental writings from the mid 1980s to the 1990s as both reflecting and contributing to broader changes in the consciousness of time it focuses on the relationship between fictional narrative form and contemporary chinese post historical experiences prompted by political sociocultural and socioeconomic changes as well as global influences **Dismantling Time** 2005 this book presents chinese short stories in english and chinese integrating language learning with cultural studies for intermediate to advanced learners of

mandarin chinese and students of contemporary chinese literature each chapter begins with a

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followed by a vocabulary list discussion questions and a biography of the author the chapters are organized around central concepts in chinese culture such as li ritual ren benevolence mianzi face prestige being filial and the dynamics of yin and yang as well as the themes of governance identity love marriage and change the stories selected are short shorts by important contemporary writers ranging from the most literary to everyday voices specifically designed for use in upper level chinese language courses contemporary chinese short short stories a parallel text offers students a window onto china today and pathways to its traditions and past as they gain language competence and critical cultural skills

Contemporary Chinese Short-Short Stories 2017-10-03 featuring over 140 chinese and non chinese contributors this landmark volume edited by david der wei wang explores unconventional forms as well as traditional genres emphasizes chinese authors influence on foreign writers as well as china s receptivity to outside literary influences and offers vibrant contrasting voices and points of view

A New Literary History of Modern China 2017-05-22 a history of chinese literature is the classic introduction to chinese literature which has given to the world exquisite poetry and such classics as monkey the analects of confucius the works of chuang tzu and other writings over a time span of 2 500 or more years author professor giles a legendary scholar of chinese was best known for the wade giles romanization system in this book he considered all forms of chinese literature including prose poetry the novel the short story drama and scientific writing the material is organized chronologically into eight books which are in turn divided into subject chapters the arrival of buddhism to china the invention of printing and other significant events are admirably outlined whoever reads this excellent introduction will be hungry for more of the literary products of china a history of chinese literature provides us with a capsule guide to 2 500 years of chinese culture remote as ancient literature may seem to chinese manners today the traditional literature does in

fact provide a key to modern china and to chinese communism this populous nation which represents the world s oldest living civilization is in reality still close to its own past philosophies and ideals

A History of Chinese Literature 2008-12-10 in this volume canadian author patrick kavanagh contributes an important piece smutty moll for a mattress jig cross cultural collaboration in beijing a recollection of his encounter with the late xiao qian who consulted him about the translation of the many colloquialisms while translating nearly impossible ulysses into chinese we also have su tong s masterpiece west window translated by prof feng zhilin fraser sutherland captures the spirit and subtlety of the story in his commentary with beautifully written lines like a girl watches through a window a boy watches the girl liu chun s beijing guys is the story of a virgin girl being womanized by one of beijing s last bunch of friends in need and friends indeed who are maintaining an old tradition in an increasingly unrecognizable city and become decadent adulterous and selfish the postman is the work of lin peiyuan a promising young author it is a story that lets readers into village life in rural china craig hulst a poet s elm by xu yi is the story of a former poet whose eye disease has ruined her career and is creating psychological problems in the poetry section we have something quaint the beautiful lyrics of a petty official in the qing dynasty from intoxication to sobriety the ditties of zhao qingxi something that has never been translated into english before

Chinese Literature and Culture 2015-06-30 presents classic chinese tales of love and morality marriage and justice and the strange and supernatural

Anthology of Chinese Literature 1965 the chinese essay is arguably china s most distinctive contribution to modern world literature and the period of its greatest influence and popularity the mid 1930s is the central concern of this book what charles laughlin terms the literature of leisure is a modern literary response to the cultural past that manifests itself most conspicuously in the form of short informal essay writing xiaopin wen laughlin examines the essay both as a widely practiced and

influential genre of literary expression and as an important counter discourse to the revolutionary tradition of new literature especially realistic fiction often viewed as the dominant mode of literature at the time after articulating the relationship between the premodern traditions of leisure literature and the modern essay laughlin treats the various essay styles representing different groups of writers each is characterized according to a single defining activity wandering in the case of the yu si threads of conversation group surrounding lu xun and zhou zuoren learning with the white horse lake group of zhejiang schoolteachers like feng zikai and xia mianzun enjoying in the case of lin yutang s analects group dreaming with the beijing school the concluding chapter outlines the impact of leisure literature on chinese culture up to the present day the literature of leisure and chinese modernity dramatizes the vast importance and unique nature of creative nonfiction prose writing in modern china it will be eagerly read by those with an interest in twentieth century chinese literature modern china and east asian or world literatures

The Literature of Leisure and Chinese Modernity 2008-03-06 this collection of essays addresses the perception that our understanding of modern china will be enhanced by opening the literature of china to more rigorous theoretical and comparative study in doing so the book confronts the problematic and complex subject of china s literary theoretical and cultural responses to the experience of the modern with chapters by writers scholars and critics from mainland china hong kong and the united states this volume explores the complexity of representing modernity within the chinese context addressing the problem of finding a proper language for articulating fundamental issues in the historical experience of twentieth century china the authors critically re examine notions of realism the self subject and modernity and draw on perspectives from feminist criticism ideological analysis and postmodern theory among the many topics explored are subjectivity in chinese cultural theory chinese gender relations the viability of a lacanian approach to chinese identity the politics of subversion in chinese reportage and the ambivalent status of the icon of

paternity since mao at the same time this book offers a probing look into the transformation that chinese culture as well as the study of that culture is currently undergoing it also reconfirms private discourse as an ideal site for an investigation into a real and imaginary private and collective encounter with history contributors liu kang xiaobing tang liu zaifu stephen chan lydia h liu wendy larson theodore huters david wang tonglin lu yingjin zhang yuejin wang li tuo leo ou fan lee Politics, Ideology, and Literary Discourse in Modern China 1993-11-16 this is the print version of volume two of chinese literature and culture a journal published three times a year this volume features six stories an empty home by xiu bai hunting season by ying chuan journey of conscience by vao emei the story of hu wenging by wei wei defending the teacher by xiao su and knowing nobody a housemaid in beijing by liu gingbang and mu tao s lu xun prize winning essay culture has blood and flesh from the runaway bride peach in an empty home to the mute housemaid jiahui in journey of conscience to the successful but disillusioned businessman hu wenging this volume reflects the diverse problems of contemporary chinese work a day life and a search for meaning in a changing world from most of these stories you hear the critical voice of today's chinese writers and a call to the reader beyond cultural borders to a critical engagement with life s final questions Chinese Literature and Culture Volume 2 2014 2014-12-31 this book offers a case study of four of the most influential contemporary chinese writers and cultural bastards duoduo an underground misty poet wang shuo a hooligan writer zhang chengzhi an old red guard and new cultural heretic and wang xiaobo a chronicler of rabelaisian modern history

Contemporary Chinese Literature 2007-11-26 tracking ideas of the child in chinese society across the twentieth century kate foster places fictional children within the story of the nation in a study of tropes and themes which range from images of strength and purity to the murderous and amoral

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