

HISTORY



Roundtable est. 2017

{meets the 4th Thursday of the month at 6:30pm at the Greenwood Public Library}

February's Topic: Chinese History

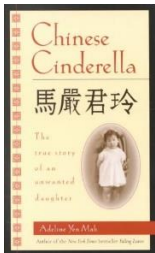
Meeting Date: Thursday, February 22nd at 6:30pm

Register at www.greenwoodlibrary.us or by calling 317-885-5036.

More info and handout at www.greenwoodlibrary.us/historyroundtable.

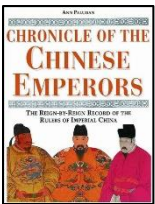
Read. Watch. Listen. Discuss. Read *any* non-fiction book, watch a documentary, and/or listen to a podcast pertaining to Chinese history. Once you've read/watched/listened to the item, come to the roundtable prepared to summarize your choice for all the participants. Possible resources include (but are not limited to) –

Books:



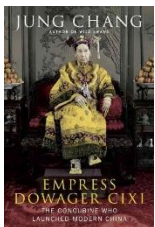
[Chinese Cinderella: The True Story of an Unwanted Daughter](#) by Adeline Yen Mah
– BIO MAH; also available as an [eBook](#)*

In this poignant and painful coming-of-age memoir set in 1940s China, a girl must overcome the trauma of a childhood dictated by a cruel stepmother and provide her own courageous voice—much like Cinderella herself.



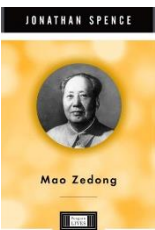
[Chronicle of the Chinese Emperors: The Reign-by-Reign Record of the Rulers of Imperial China](#) by Ann Paludan – 951.009 PAL

Traces the history of China from 221 B.C. through 1911 A.D., describing the political and social challenges and contributions of each ruler.



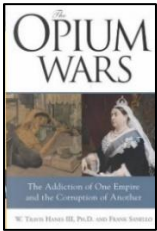
[Empress Dowager Cixi: The Concubine Who Launched Modern China](#) by Jung Chang – 951.035 CHA

A portrait of the nineteenth-century empress covers the coup that made her regent after her father's death, her defiance of centuries of traditions and formalities, and her role in introducing Western political ideas and technologies.



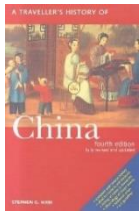
[Mao Zedong](#) by Jonathan Spence – BIO TSE-TUNG

A renowned expert on Chinese history turns his considerable talent and experience to the life of China's greatest modern leader--the enigmatic, mythologized, often maligned, and still-revered architect of Chinese Communism and the modern Chinese state.



[Opium Wars: The Addiction of One Empire and the Corruption of Another](#) by W. Travis Hanes III and Frank Sanello – 951.033 SAN

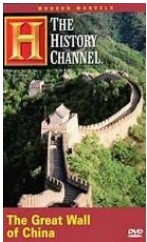
In this tragic and powerful story, the two Opium Wars of 1839–1842 and 1856–1860 between Britain and China are recounted for the first time through the eyes of the Chinese as well as the Imperial West.



[A Traveller's History of China](#) by Stephen G. Haw – 951 HAW

Traces the history of China from the prehistoric civilizations of 4,000 years ago through the Tang and Song dynasties to its present status as one of the world's fastest-developing countries.

Videos:



[The Great Wall of China](#) by The History Channel – DVD 951 MOD

Archival films and photographs are used to describe the building of the Great Wall of China by the Emperor Chin, and shows the significance and influence this massive building achievement has had in the history of China.



[2,000 Years of Chinese History! The Mandate of Heaven and Confucius: World History #7](#) – Crash Course

<https://tinyurl.com/lowedd5>

In which John introduces you to quite a lot of Chinese history by discussing the complicated relationship between the Confucian scholars who wrote Chinese history and the emperors (and empress) who made it.

Podcasts:



[China's Food Binding Tradition](#) – Stuff You Missed in History Class

<https://tinyurl.com/y9as85sv>

Foot binding was practiced in China for more than 1,000 years -- far longer than can be attributed to a mere cultural or fashion fad. Why did such an extreme type of body modification become such an ingrained part of the culture for so long?

[Did Empress Wu's reign change China?](#) – Stuff You Missed in History Class

<https://tinyurl.com/yasbvy42>

During the Tong Dynasty, Chinese women were often treated as second-class citizens. This made the rise of Empress Wu even more extraordinary. But did her work have a lasting effect? Learn more about how -- or if -- Empress Wu permanently changed China.

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