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*The Great Wall of China* - Powerhouse Museum 2006

"Published in conjunction with The Great Wall of China: dragon, dynasties, and warriors exhibition, Powerhouse Museum 28 Sept. 2006 - 25 Feb. 2007, Melbourne Museum 23 Mar. - 22 July 2007"--T.p. verso.

**Great Wall of China** - Carla Mooney 2018-11-30

In Great Wall of China, readers will explore the use of super structures

around the world and how they have shaped future technological advancements. This title is the perfect blend of historical content and STEM engagement, and makes a great addition to library collections at home or at school. The Engineering Wonders series takes readers on a historical journey and focuses on the construction of amazing man-made structures and their effects on society. Each 48-page title features full-color photographs, fascinating sidebars, a timeline, a glossary, a list of websites, and comprehension and extension questions. This series engages learners while also reinforcing concepts and helping them strengthen their reading comprehension skills

*Building the Great Wall of China* - Terry Collins 2009-07

"In graphic novel format, follows the adventures of Isabel Soto as she explores the history behind the building of the Great Wall of China"-- Provided by publisher.

*Great Wall of China* - Grace Hansen 2017-12-15

The Great Wall of China, built many thousands of years ago, still partially stands today throughout the northern parts of the country. Young readers will learn about who built it, when it was built, and why it was built. This title is complete with impressive historical and current photographs and images, and simple text. Aligned to Common Core Standards and correlated to state standards. Abdo Kids Jumbo is an

imprint of Abdo Kids, a division of ABDO.

Where Is the Great Wall? - Patricia Brennan Demuth 2015-02-05

More than two thousand years ago, with his land under constant attack from nomads, the First Emperor of China came up with a simple solution: build a wall to keep out enemies. It was a wall that kept growing and growing. But its construction came at a huge cost: it is believed that more than a million Chinese died building it, earning the wall its nickname--the longest cemetery on earth. Through the story of the wall, Patricia Brennan Demuth is able to tell the story of China itself, the rise and fall of dynasties, the greatness of its culture, and its present-day status as a Communist world power.

**The Great Wall of China** - Charles River Editors 2017-01-26

\*Includes pictures of the Great Wall of China and important people.

\*Includes ancient accounts and descriptions of the construction of the Great Wall of China. \*Includes footnotes and a bibliography for further reading. \*Includes a table of contents. "This territory is occupied by wandering tribes of heathen, who eat such people as they can catch, and for this reason no one enters their country or attempts to travel there. I saw nobody in this city who had been to the Great Wall, or who knew anybody who had been there." - Ibn Batuta, Moroccan explorer, c. 1345  
The Great Wall of China is perhaps the wonder of the world that has most captured the human imagination, and as the quotes about it indicate, the wall has acquired special significance even outside of China. The places and ways in which it has taken hold vary greatly, but one thing is certain: the Great Wall of China is as amazing as it is mysterious, and it's as mundane as it is magical. Naturally, the Wall has become the most recognizable symbol of China, used for both aggrandizement and criticism. Nationalists see it as a symbol of China's peaceful nature, engineering capability, and historic longevity, while detractors see the Wall as the embodiment of China's backwardness, closed-mindedness, and hubris. While history allots arguments for the claims of each side, both of them are colored by Great Wall mythology and current geopolitical concerns. Though the wall can symbolize all of these things about China, it is important to remember that the many long walls. upon

some of which the current landmark was constructed, were put up by specific people for specific purposes. The first step to a more accurate conception of the Wall is getting a better understanding of its name, because "The Great Wall of China" is a misleading label. More accurately, it may be called the "Great Walls of China," for several dynasties beginning early in Chinese history built fortifications of some kind, usually to the north. These constructions were alternately expanded, connected, dismantled, or neglected, depending on the circumstances and preferences of those in charge. In fact, the Chinese name wan li chang cheng gets closer to capturing the true nature of the wall(s). The name literally means 10,000-1/2 kilometers-long-wall, because 10,000 in Chinese is often shorthand for "many." The walls, measured separately and added up, actually span over 21,000 kilometers (13,000 miles), according to a 2007 government survey, a figure that includes all the known walls from all the dynasties without regard to current condition (even walls that have not stood for centuries were included). What this number explains more than anything is that the story of the Great Wall is very complex and closely tied to the whole of Chinese history, so parsing fact from fiction and rumor is tricky. The Great Wall of China: The History of China's Most Famous Landmark comprehensively looks at the history behind the wall and its construction. Along with pictures, you will learn about the Great Wall like never before, in no time at all.

The Great Wall - Carlos Rojas 2011-04-01

In this book, Carlos Rojas challenges two of the dominant contemporary visions of the Great Wall of China. In one view the Wall is popularly imagined as a two thousand year old national icon. However another recent theory posits that the Wall was not built until around the seventeenth century, and that the current fascination with the Wall is of even more recent provenance. Rojas rejects both of these theories as inaccurate. Instead, he argues that the Wall's identity lies precisely in the productive tension between its underlying historical continuity and its continual process of transformation and reinvention. In addition, he posits that in order to appreciate the Wall's historical significance it is

necessary to move beyond a focus on the monument's strictly material status and instead attend to the ways in which it has been discussed and represented, in other words, to see it as a cultural object.

*The Great Wall Through Time* - DK 2022-04-05

Travel through time on an exhilarating expedition to China's most famous landmark! The Great Wall of China is one of the world's most intriguing, well-known treasures. Spanning 2,700 years and over 13,000 miles long, embark on the fascinating tale of how the Great Wall was built and how it became one of the greatest man-made projects of all time. This thrilling children's book about this fascinating structure will leave you with newfound knowledge and appreciation for this amazing world wonder. It includes:

- Exquisitely detailed panoramic artworks that show how the Great Wall of China has changed from one era to the next — from the first defensive forts created in 656 BCE to the 13,000 mile-long monument still standing today
- Cutaway views that reveal the interior of forts and buildings
- Every illustration is surrounded by pull-out details for children to look at, drawing them into the picture and making the book fun and interactive
- Lively, engaging narrative text and simple annotations that guide children on a journey through time

This informative book educates young readers about how the Great Wall was built and showcases the people that help build it. The wall, one of the new Seven Wonders of the World, started as a frontier defense against northern tribesmen and over the eras evolved to become the dynamic landmark that it is today. This educational history book also contains exceptional cutaway views revealing the interiors of important buildings, and pull-out details introducing fascinating facts and key characters. The time-traveling fox who appears in the artwork will have children inquisitively searching for the charming fox throughout the book. This makes for the perfect gift or collector's item for children age 7 and up to learn about the Great Wall of China and its history. It is also perfect for parents looking for books on Chinese history to read with their children, and those planning on visiting the Great Wall of China who want to learn more about the landmark before or after their trip.

[The Great Wall of China](#) - William Edgar Geil 1909

**The Great Wall** - William Lindesay 2007

A lavishly illustrated, pictorial odyssey that spans more than four thousand miles traverses the Great Wall of China, from beginning to end, and describes the history of the monument and its construction, as well as the landscapes, scenic wonders, and regions it covers.

[The Great Wall of China Hoax](#) - Anatoly Fomenko 2016-11-04

NASA research of Earth-Moon mechanics by astrophysicist Robert Newton leads mathematicians of MSU to a breakthrough in the chronology of civilization and China. Early history of China up until the XV century A.D. is in fact the history of Europe and the Mediterranean region, Byzantium in particular. European chronicles had been transplanted to China in the 14-15th century A.D. the earliest. Today it is considered that the construction of the Great Wall of China began in the 3rd century B.C., allegedly as a protection against northern nomads. But the construction of such fortifications could not begin before the invention of cannons and siege weapons, that is approximately the 15th century A.D. The authors give a brief description of the real situation with Chinese and Russian history and chronology. The authors don't claim that their reconstruction is complete. The work on the reconstruction of the walled China has only just begun.

**Mysteries of the Great Wall of China** - Karen Latchana Kenney 2017-08

"Discover the fascinating mysteries surrounding the Great Wall of China. An iconic symbol, the wall's sections, trenches, and barriers stretch across more than 5,500 miles. How and why was it built? Scientists have many theories, but plenty of mysteries remain."--Provided by publisher.

*The Great Wall of China 221 BC-AD 1644* - Stephen Turnbull 2012-10-20

The most famous example of fortification in the world, the Great Wall of China stretches for more than 6,000km across inhospitable terrain. Charting its development from its earliest origins in the 7th century BC through to the present day, this account reveals the true history of the wall, and explores the myths that surround it. Included are details of what it was like to live within the wall, how it was garrisoned and patrolled, and a discussion of how effective it was against attack.

Through extensive examination of both ancient and modern sources, colour maps, artwork and photographs, this book illustrates why the wall is one of the great wonders of the world.

**Great Wall of China** - Elizabeth Raum 2015-01-01

Describes the Great Wall of China, including how and why it was built, the dynasties behind its construction, what it was used for, and what it's like today.

**The Great Wall of Lucy Wu** - Wendy Wan-Long Shang 2013-01-01

Lucy Wu, aspiring basketball star and interior designer, is on the verge of having the best year of her life. She's ready to rule the school as a sixth grader, go out for captain of the school basketball team, and take over the bedroom she has always shared with her sister. In an instant, though, her plans are shattered when she finds out that Yi Po, her beloved grandmother's sister, is coming to visit for several months -- and is staying in Lucy's room. Lucy's vision of a perfect year begins to crumble, and in its place come an unwelcome roommate, foiled birthday plans, a bully who tries to scare Lucy off the basketball team, and Chinese school with the annoying know-it-all Talent Chang. Lucy's year is ruined -- or is it? A wonderfully funny, warm, and heartfelt tale about the ways life often reveals silver linings in the most unexpected of clouds.

The Great Wall - Julia Lovell 2007-12-01

A "gripping, colorful" history of China's Great Wall that explores the conquests and cataclysms of the empire from 1000 BC to the present day (Publishers Weekly). Over two thousand years old, the Great Wall of China is a symbolic and physical dividing line between the civilized Chinese and the "barbarians" at their borders. Historian Julia Lovell looks behind the intimidating fortification and its mythology to uncover a complex history far more fragmented and less illustrious than its crowds of visitors imagine today. Lovell's story winds through the lives of the millions of individuals who built and attacked it, and recounts how succeeding dynasties built sections of the wall as defenses against the invading Huns, Mongols, and Turks, and how the Ming dynasty, in its quest to create an empire, joined the regional ramparts to make what the Chinese call the "10,000 Li" or the "long wall." An epic that reveals the

true history of a nation, The Great Wall is "a supremely inviting entrée to the country" and essential reading for anyone who wants to understand China's past, present, and future (Booklist).

**The Great Wall Of China** - Leonard Everett Fisher 1995-08

A brief history of the Great Wall of China, begun about 2,200 years ago to keep out Mongol invaders.

**The Emperor Who Built the Great Wall** - Jillian Lin 2016-11-28

ONCE UPON A TIME IN CHINA...a 13-year-old boy became its first emperor and built the longest wall in the world. In this book, discover why he started building The Great Wall, how he made China the biggest country on earth and what treasures he hid in his secret tomb. Find out how he became one of the most important people in Chinese history ? and how China was named after him.

**The Great Wall of China** - Cynthia L. Jenson-Elliott 2013-08-01

Built over two millennia, the Great Wall of China is one of the longest man-made structures in the world. The story of the Great Wall is an epic of opposing forces: hard labor and high achievement; power and powerlessness; literate culture and untamed nomads.

*The Great Wall of China* - Elizabeth Noll 2020-08-01

The Great Wall of China spans more than 10,000 miles! It was built over many centuries, and it remains one of the world's most famous landmarks today. This title for young readers explores the Great Wall's original purpose, how it was built, and how it's used today. Levelled text and fascinating photos bring the structure to life, while a map, a timeline, a comparison graphic, and a pop culture connection offer additional information about each structure.

Who Built The Great Wall of China? Ancient China Books for Kids |

Children's Ancient History - Baby Professor 2017-04-15

You can see the Great Wall of China from outer space - that's how big it is! In this ancient history book, you're going to learn the why's and the how's behind the building of the Great Wall. You'll be reading some pretty interesting tales laced with lots of historical facts. Make learning a habit. Buy a copy now!

**Empires Beyond the Great Wall** - Adam Theodore Kessler 1993

"From around 400 B.C. on, Chinese states began to erect defensive walls along portions of their northern border, and in the third century B.C., the Qin dynasty constructed a Great Wall, in large part by joining the older walls. The purpose of all of these barriers was to repel the invasions of the diverse and often powerful groups of tribes of the north Asian steppe. But the Great Wall is perhaps best understood as a demarcation of the frontier between two very different ways of life - the agrarian existence of central China and the pastoral nomadism of the steppelands to the north." "Although we have learned much about the steppe empires from the accounts of the sedentary societies that struggled with them, our knowledge has been greatly supplemented in recent years by the fieldwork of Chinese archaeologists, in particular those from the Inner Mongolia Autonomous Region. The truly astounding finds of the last several decades, which are represented in this book, give insight into the critical role that the ancient peoples of the north played in Chinese dynastic history. These priceless and beautiful artifacts also assist us in tracing East/West cultural diffusion along the Silk Road in the era prior to the perfecting of maritime travel." "As a result of collaboration between the Natural History Museum of Los Angeles County and the Inner Mongolia Museum of China, relics from the collections of ten Chinese museums are touring North America in 1994 and 1995. Through examination of the gold, bronze, ceramic, wood, and textile objects from cultures that flourished from 2000 B.C. through the fourteenth century A.D., Dr. Adam T. Kessler, curator of the exhibition and author of this book, reveals the complicated and often ferocious interactions of the steppe peoples with their sedentary neighbors to the south and west. The narrative gives perspective to the legends of the great Mongol leaders Genghis Khan and Kubilai Khan. But it also shows that the Mongols were but the last in a long series of empires to emerge from beyond the Great Wall and were truly inheritors of a rich past."--BOOK JACKET.Title Summary field provided by Blackwell North America, Inc. All Rights Reserved

**The Great Wall of China in History and Legend** - Zhewen Luo 1986

The Great Wall - John Man 2010-11-30

China's Great Wall north of Beijing is one of the world's most famous sights. Millions every year climb the line of stone snaking over mountains. We all feel we know the Wall. But we are wrong. It is too big, too varied, too complex to be captured by a few images or a day-trip. Myths surround it. Many believe that the stone barrier marches across all China, that it has been in existence for over 2,000 years, and that it is the only man-made structure visible from the Moon. In fact, most of it is made of earth, and much of it is not there at all. It cannot even be seen from earth orbit, let alone the Moon. Estimates of its length vary from 1,500 to 5,000 miles. Even its name is deceptive - it is not an it, a single entity, but many walls (hence the uncertain length), built at different times. Yet behind the confusion are great simplicities. The many walls are united by two ideas - self-protection and unity - which go back to the First Emperor, who founded the nation in 221 BC. For 2,000 years, the Wall marked the border between China and nomadic peoples to the north and west. Mutual hostility inspired centuries of attacks, counter-attacks and Wall-building, until the northward spread of China in the 20th century made the Wall redundant. For this riveting account, John Man travelled the Wall from the far western deserts to the Pacific, exploring the grandest sections and many 'wild' ones. He is the first writer to describe two unknown walls in Mongolia. He covers two millennia of history, from the country's first unification to the present day, when the Great Wall, built and rebuilt over centuries of war, has become a symbol of tranquillity.

*A History of the Great Wall of China* - Ai Jing 2015-01-05

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of poetry, folk literature, theater and storytelling written about it by rulers, soldiers, literati and famous poets. This book is among the most systematic and comprehensive works on the Great Wall. It conveys to the reader content in language that is clear and straightforward. It traces the history of the Great Wall's origin, including the initial Period of construction for multiple defensive walls, the era of overall transformation, the Period of the partial expansion and the Period of overall maintenance. The readers will obtain a clear and comprehensive view of the overall picture of the Great Wall and its history from this book. Published by SCPG Publishing Corporation and distributed by World Scientific for all markets except China

*The Great Wall of Confinement* - Philip F. Williams 2004-08-17

"China is so big and so diverse that, as in the proverbial blind man touching an elephant, contemporary descriptions that vary dramatically can all be true. Few visitors to glittering Shanghai or Shenzhen, for example, will get any impression of the gaping gray maw of the government's prison camp system that Philip Williams and Yenna Wu, basing themselves on a vast range of Chinese sources, illuminate in erudite detail. The authors look at every facet of the camps, place them within China's historical tradition, and compare them with modern analogues. Throughout, literary and autobiographical sources give the 'feel' for the deadening world of the camps."—Perry Link, author of *The Uses of Literature: Life in the Socialist Chinese Literary System* "The Great Wall of Confinement deals with issues ranging from the legal grounding—or the lack of any—of the Chinese concentration camp system, to its technical implementation, its discursive manifestation, and its physical as well as psychological impact. A book like this is long overdue. With this work, Williams and Wu have made an important contribution to the fields of Chinese legal and literary studies."—David Der-wei Wang, author of *The Monster That Is History* "The Great Wall of Confinement is an excellent book. It synthesizes an already significant corpus of writings on Chinese prisons and labor camps, marshals an array of literary sources as essential historical source materials, and compares the literature of Chinese incarceration with its Soviet and

European counterparts. The value of this important study stems equally from its tone—a rare combination of a level-headed quality with a very fine sensitivity to the human tragedy recounted in this literature."—Jean-Luc Domenach, author of *Où va la Chine? (Where does China Go?)* "The Great Wall of Confinement has attempted to lift part of the veil on China's long lasting tragedy: the use of imprisonment, torture, forced labor against its citizens, whether criminals, feeble minded or simply political opponents. The angle is new; the question is to find out how Chinese have written on this subject, whether in fiction or reportage, the way they went about telling their stories, how much they said, or withheld. Through Philip Williams and Yenna Wu's thought-provoking analysis of such writings, of the cultural origins of forced labor and imprisonment in imperial and Communist China, one comes closer to this sinister reality, which remains to this day one of the best kept secrets of our planet."—Marie Holzman, President of the Association Solidarité Chine

[Great Wall of China](#) - Thammy Evans 2006

A guidebook to sections of the Great Wall of China, northern China, and Beijing includes historical and cultural details, practical travel advice, and recommendations for accommodations, restaurants, and attractions.

**The Great Wall** - John Man 2009-08-04

John Man travels the entire length of the Great Wall and across two millennia to find the truth behind the legends. Along the way, he delves into the remarkable and complex history of China—from the country's tribal past, through the war with the Mongols, right up to the modern day when the Great Wall is once more a commanding emblem of China, the resurgent superpower.

**You Wouldn't Want to Work on the Great Wall of China!** -

Jacqueline Morley 2021-01-29

You're a hardworking farmer trying to support your family. But you disobey the Emperor's orders and soon you're marching through deserts on your way to work on the Great Wall of China! This title in the best-selling children's history series, *You Wouldn't Want To...*, features full-colour illustrations which combine humour and accurate technical detail

and a narrative approach placing readers at the centre of the history, encouraging them to become emotionally-involved with the characters and aiding their understanding of what life would have been like working on the Great Wall of China. Informative captions, a complete glossary and an index make this title an ideal introduction to the conventions of information books for young readers. It is an ideal text for Key Stage 2 shared and guided reading and helps achieve the goals of the Scottish Standard Curriculum 5-14.

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**China: A History** - The Field Museum 2019-01-15

Discover the history of one of the world's most influential civilizations. Based on the Cyrus Tang Hall of China exhibit at The Field Museum, *China: A History* traces the 7,000-year story of this diverse land. Full-color maps, photos, and illustrations of the people, landscape, artifacts, and rare objects bring the history of this nation to life! Young readers learn about prehistoric China, follow the reign of emperors and dynasties, and come to understand how China became the world power that it is today. The book also explores the role of children and women in everyday life as well as how religion, politics, and economics shaped the deep traditions and dynamic changes of modern China. This book stands

alone from the exhibition and is a go-to resource for young readers looking to learn more about this powerful nation. It includes a timeline, bibliography, and index.

*Great Wall of China* - Kristine Spanier 2020-12-15

In this book, early fluent readers will marvel at the Great Wall of China while learning about its history, location, uses, and architecture. Vibrant, full-color photos and carefully leveled text will engage young readers as they learn more about the landmark's cultural history. A Take a Look! infographic aids understanding, sidebars present interesting, supplementary information, and an At a Glance recap offers a map and quick stats on the landmark. Children can learn more about the Great Wall of China using our safe search engine that provides relevant, age-appropriate websites. *Great Wall of China* also features reading tips for teachers and parents, a table of contents, a glossary, and an index. *Great Wall of China* is part of Jump!'s Whole Wide World series.

*Great Wall in 50 Objects* - William Lindesay 2015-11-16

The culmination of a lifetime's field work and research, William Lindesay selects fifty artefacts from around the world to tell the story of the Great Wall from the second century BC to the late-twentieth century. Abraham Ortelius' pioneering world atlas, the unexpected origins of 'wolf smoke', the proliferation of the blunderbuss in the fifteenth century Great Wall theatre of war, even Kafka's classic short story 'At the Building of the Great Wall' are some of the unique objects that were shaped by China's most famous national landmark. Enhanced by stories of their discovery, and those of their modern-day keepers, *The Great Wall in 50 Objects* is a personal and historical exploration of a world wonder. 'William Lindesay has a knack for approaching the iconic Great Wall of China in ways that are creative, idiosyncratic, and deeply personal . . . He has succeeded again with *The Great Wall in 50 Objects*.' Peter Hessler, author of *River Town* and *Oracle Bones* 'William Lindesay shows us the Wall in a completely new light by looking at the smaller objects that make up its history . . . Through these objects we feel the Great Wall transform from architecture into a living part of the history and culture of China.' Jack Weatherford, author of *Genghis Khan and the Making of the Modern*

World 'For years, Lindsay has hiked and studied the Great Wall with exceptional passion. To him, it seems, the Great Wall is not a mere structure, a political icon, or a cultural curiosity, but a treasure trove of stories.' Jaime FlorCruz, former Beijing bureau chief of Time magazine and CNN 'If you are going to China, and intend to see the Great Wall (or even if, unwisely, you don't), take this book on the plane with you, and absorb as many of its intriguing nuggets of Wall-lore and China-lore as you can - it will make your visit infinitely richer.' Prof. Christopher Cullen, Emeritus Director, Needham Research Institute, Cambridge 'William Lindsay lives and breathes Great Wall history and he exudes it with an engaging passion.' Mike Loades, author of Swords and Swordsmen 'Lindsay presents a coherent and highly informative account of the geography, history, and material culture of China's Great Wall. His compelling and well-written account is rich in profound and often quite unexpected insights.' Lothar von Falkenhausen, Professor of Chinese Archaeology and Art History, UCLA

**The Great Wall of China** - Nancy Ohlin 2017-06-13

Get ready to blast back to the past and learn all about the Great Wall of China! When people think about the Great Wall of China, that massive structure is likely to come to mind. But why did they build the wall in the first place, and how is it even still standing? This engaging nonfiction book, complete with black and white interior illustrations, will make readers feel like they've traveled back in time. It covers everything from how the Wall was built to what life in China was like at that time, and more. Find out interesting, little-known facts such as how working on the wall was often a form of punishment, and how the wall is so long it could wrap around the world twice! The unique details along with the clever and humorous interior illustrations make this series stand out from the competition.

*Ancient China* - Arthur Cotterell 2000

Photographs and artwork chronicle three thousand years of Chinese history, from the earliest dynasty to the twentieth century, and examine some of the contributions China has made to the world

**The Great Great Wall** - Ian Volner 2019-06-11

"Timely and highly readable . . . provides a valuable backdrop to Donald Trump's insistence on a barrier across America's southern border." —Robert Dallek, presidential historian During his campaign for the presidency, one of Donald Trump's signature promises was that he would build a "great great wall" on the border between the US and Mexico, and Mexico was going to pay for it. Now, with only a few prototype segments erected, the wall is the 2,000-mile, multibillion-dollar elephant in the room of contemporary American life. In *The Great Great Wall*, architectural historian and critic Ian Volner takes a fascinating look at the barriers that we have built over millennia. Traveling far afield, to China, the Middle East, Europe, and along the U.S. Mexico border, Volner examines famous, contentious, and illuminating structures, and explores key questions: Why do we build walls? What do they reveal about human history? What happens after they go up? With special attention to Trump's wall and the walls that exist along the US border already, this is an absorbing, smart, and timely book on an incredibly contentious and newsworthy topic. "A work of literary alchemy that transmutes the wall, a simple architectural structure, and of late, political metaphor, into a prism through which to view the panorama of human history . . . this book will amaze, delight, and enchant even the most jaded nonfiction aficionado." —William J. Bernstein, award-winning author of *The Delusions of Crowds* "A global journey to some of history's most significant walls—China, Berlin, and even Jericho—weaving together a fascinating account of their foundational myths and current realities." —Carrie Gibson, author of *El Norte*

**Engineering the Great Wall of China** - Yvette Lapierre 2017-09

The Great Wall of China, built in many sections over many centuries, is China's best-known landmark. *Engineering the Great Wall of China* introduces readers to the dynasties that constructed it, explores the construction techniques that were used, and looks at how the modern Chinese government is working to protect it for the future. Easy-to-read text, vivid images, and helpful back matter give readers a clear look at this subject. Features include a table of contents, infographics, a glossary, additional resources, and an index. Aligned to Common Core

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China's Great Wall Of Debt - Dinny McMahon 2018-03-13

A stunning inside look at how and why the foundations upon which China

has built the world's second largest economy, have started to crumble. Over the course of a decade spent reporting on the ground in China as a financial journalist, Dinny McMahon gradually came to the conclusion that the widely held belief in China's inevitable economic ascent is dangerously wrong. In this unprecedented deep dive, McMahon shows how, lurking behind the illusion of prosperity, China's economic growth has been built on a staggering mountain of debt. While stories of newly built but empty cities, white elephant state projects, and a byzantine shadow banking system, have all become a regular fixture in the press in recent years, McMahon goes beyond the headlines to explain how such waste has been allowed to flourish, and why one of the most powerful governments in the world has been at a loss to stop it. Through the stories of ordinary Chinese citizens, McMahon tries to make sense of the unique—and often bizarre—mechanics of the Chinese economy, whether it be the state's addiction to appropriating land from poor farmers; or why a Chinese entrepreneur decided it was cheaper to move his yarn factory to South Carolina; or why ambitious Chinese mayors build ghost cities; or why the Chinese bureaucracy was able to stare down Beijing's attempts to break up the state's pointless monopoly over the distribution of table salt. Debt, entrenched vested interests, a frenzy of speculation, and an aging population are all pushing China toward an economic reckoning. China's Great Wall of Debt unravels an incredibly complex and opaque economy, one whose fortunes—for better or worse—will shape the globe like never before.