

Looking to further your reading of a particular Asian country? Here are some suggestions from what our books groups have read over the years.

FICTION

Afghanistan

Kite Runner by Khaled Hosseini

Thousand Splendid Suns by Khaled Hosseini

A Wasted Vigil by Nadeem Aslam

Bangladesh

A Golden Age by Tahmima Anam

The Bones of Grace by Tahmima Anam

Brunei

The Fisherman King by Kathrina Mohd Daud

Cambodia

The Rent Collector by Camron Wright

China

Midnight in Peking by Paul French

The Tea Girl of Hummingbird Lane by Lisa See

The Incarnations by Susan Barker

Five Stars by Tash Aw

The Dark Road by Ma Jian

A Thousand Years of Good Prayers by Yiyun Li

Waiting - Ha Jin

Portrait of a Thief by Grace D Li

The Wedding Party by Liu Xinwu

Land of Big Numbers by Te-Ping Chen

Hong Kong

Gweilo (Golden boy) by Martin Booth

On Java Road by Lawrence Osbourne

India

The White Tiger by Aravind Adiga

Ghachar Ghuchar by Vivek Shanbagh

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Tales from Firozsha Baag by Rohinton Mistry
The Sleepwalkers Guide to Dancing by Mira Jacob
At the end of the Century by Ruth Praver Jhabvala
The Lowland by Jhumpa Lahiri
A Burning , Megha Majumdar
China Room, Snjeev Sahota
Goat Days, Benyamin
Djinn Patrol on the Purple Line, Deepa Anappara
Murder at the Mushaira Reza Mir
The unexpected inheritance of Inspector Chopra, Vaseem Khan
The Space between Us, Thrity Umrigar
The Bangalore Detective Club by Harini Nagendra
Tomb of Sand Geetanjali Shree

Indonesia

The Spice Garden by Michael Vatikiotis
Home by Leila Chudori
Map of the Invisible World by Tash Aw
Nathaniel's Nutmeg, Giles Milton

Iran

The Blood of Flowers by Anita Amirrezvani
The House of the Mosque by Qader Abdollah
The Saddlebag by Bahiyyih Naakkhjavani
The Enlightenment of the Greengage Tree by Shokoofeh Azar

Japan

Sweet Bean Paste by Durian Sukegawa
When We Were Orphans by Kazuo Ishiguro
The Housekeeper and The Professor by Yoko Ogawa
Convenience Store Woman, Sayaka Murata
A Man, Keiichiro Hirano
Stranger in the Shogun's city – Amy Stanley
Confessions of a Yakuza, Junichi Saga

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Klara and the Sun, Kazuo Ishiguro

Cherry Ingram: The Englishman Who Saved Japan's Blossoms by Naoko Abe

Breasts and Eggs by Mieko Kawakami

Fault Lines by Emily Itami

Malaysia

The Night Tiger Yangsze Choo

The Gift of Rain by Tan Twan Eng

The Face: Strangers on a Pier by Tash Aw

We the Survivors by Tash Aw

The Harmony Silk Factory by Tash Aw

Myanmar

Miss Burma by Charmaine Craig

Burmese Days by George Orwell

Nepal

The Tutor of History, Manjushree Thapa Becca

North Korea

The Accusation by Bandi

Nothing to Envy by Barbara Demick

Pakistan

Amal Unbound by Aisha Saeed

The Golden Legend by Nadeem Aslam

A Case of Exploding Mangoes by Mohammed Hanif

In Other Rooms, Other Wonders by Daniyal Mueenuddin

The Wandering Falcon by Jamil Ahmed

The Runaways by Fatima Bhutto

Homeland Elegies by Akhtar Ayad (PK/USA)

Singapore

A Different Sky by Meera Chand

The Ambassador's Wife by Jake Needham

Ponti by Sharlene Teo

Crazy Rich Asians by Kevin Kwan

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Ministry of Moral Panic by Amanda Lee Koe
The Art of Charlie Chan Hock Chye by Sonny Liew
Singapore Sapphire by A.M Stuart
Nimita's Place by Akshita Nanda
Lets Give it up for Gimme Lao by Sebastian Sim
After the Inquiry Jolene Tan
How we Disappeared by Jing Jing Lee
The Formidable Miss Cassidy by Meihan Boey

Sri Lanka

The Cat's Table by Michael Ondaatje
Cinnamon Gardens by Shyam Selvadurai
Island of a Thousand Mirrors by Nayomi Munaweera
Funny Boy, by Shyam Selvadurai
Running in the Family by Michael Ondaatje
A Passage North by Anuk Arudpragasam
The Seven Moons of Maali Almeida by Shehan Karunatilaka

South Korea

Pachinko by Min Jin Lee
Familiar Things" by Hwang Sok-Yong
The Vegetarian by Han Kang
Kim Jiyoung, Born 1982, Cho Nam-Joo (Translated by Jamie Chang)
Please Look After Mom, Kyung-sook Shin
Black Flower, Kim Young-ha

Taiwan

The Stolen Bicycle by Wu Ming-yi
The Green Island by Shawna Yang Ryan
Ghost Month by Edward Lin

Thailand

A Good True Thai, Sunisa Manning
The Blind Earthworm in the Labyrinth, Veeraporn Nitiprapha
Sightseeing by Lapcharoensap, Rattawut

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Turkey

Three daughters of Eve by Elif Shefak

A Strangeness in my Mind Orhan Parmuk

Vietnam

The Boat by Nam Le

The Sympathiser by Vet Thanh Nguyen

The Mountains Sing, by Nguyen Phan Que Mai

The Sorrow Of War: A Novel of North Vietnam by Bảo Ninh

The Committed by Viet Thanh Nguyen

Non Fiction

China

Chinese Painting and Its Audiences by Craig Clunas

Country Driving: A Chinese Road Trip by Peter Hessler

Foreign devils on the Silk Road by Peter Hopkirk

Midnight in Peking” by Paul French

Restless Empire by Arne Westad

Eat the Buddha: Life and Death in a Tibetan Town, Barbara Demick

The Last Kings of Shanghai: The Rival Jewish Dynasties That Helped Create Modern China by Jonathan Kaufman

Winter Pasture: One Woman's Journey with China's Khazak Herders by Li Juan

The Emperor's Feast: A History of China in Twelve Meals by Jonathan Clements

The Secret History of the Mongol Queens: How the Daughters of Genghis Khan Rescued His Empire by Jack Weatherford

Red Roulette: An Insider's Story of Wealth, Power, Corruption and Vengeance in Today's China by Desmond Shum

The Amur River: Between Russia and China by Colin Thubron

Japan

Japanese Inn, by Oliver Statler

A Beginner's Guide to Japan - Pico Iyer

India

Coromandel: A Personal History of South India by Charles Allen

Inglorious Empire: What the British Did to India, by Shashi Tharoor

Indonesia

The Jakarta Method by Vincent Bevins

Indonesia, etc by Elizabeth Pisani

Laos

The Last Unicorn by William deBuys

Singapore

William Farquhar and Singapore by Nadia H Wright

This is What Inequality Looks Like by Teo You Yenn

Tibet

Secret Tibet by Fosco Maraini

Vietnam

Mad about the Mekong by John Keay

Asia

Himalaya : A Human History by Ed Douglas

Sea People: The Puzzle of Polynesia by Christina Thompson

Empires of the Indus: The Story of a River by Alice Albinia

Three Tigers, One Mountain by Michael Booth

Middle East

God's Shadow: The Ottoman sultan who Shaped the Modern World by Alan Mikhail

Alexandria: The Quest for the Lost City by Edmund Richardson

Black Wave: Saudi Arabia, Iran, and the Forty-Year Rivalry That Unravelling Culture, Religion, and Collective Memory in the Middle East by Kim Ghattas

World

Prisoners of Geography, Tim Marshall

River Kings: A New History of the Vikings from Scandinavia to the Silk Road by Cat Jarman

The Boundless Sea: A Human History of the Oceans by David Abulafia

The Fabric of Civilization: How Textiles Made the World by Virginia Postrel

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The Scythians: Nomad Warriors of the Steppe by Barry Cunliffe

Red Sea Spies by Raffi Berg

Empireland by Sathnam Sanghera

The Great Imperial Hangover: How Empires Have Shaped the World by Samir Puri

Icebound: Shipwrecked at the Edge of the World by Andrea Pitzer

The Billion Dollar Whale by Tom White & Bradley Hope