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Chinese book list

This book list is a guide to help students, parents, guardians and teachers select reading material. Students may select any suitable books.

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Author	Title and book summary	JF/ F/ NF	Pages	Theme	ISBN
Bauer, Jutta	大嗓门妈妈 The shouting mother penguin When a mother penguin loses her temper and shouts, little penguin falls to pieces and disperses around the world until his mother collects the parts, and puts him back together for a happy reunion. (Adapted from publisher)	JF	36	Relationships Managing emotions	9787530743522 https://www.chinasprout.com/ htm/shop.html?Search.x=0&S earch.y=0&type=9787530743 522§ion=shop&mode=se arch&topic=culture
Cai, Gao	三个和尚 Three monks When there is one monk in the temple, he fetches water for himself. When there are two, they share the duty. However, as the third comes, it is hard to divide the responsibilities. A fire in the temple teaches the monks the importance of cooperation. (QDoE)	JF	32	Parable	9787504194466 https://www.amazon.com.au/s ?k=9787504194466&crid=1P 6HVVX6RSMGF&sprefix=978 7504194466%2Caps%2C499 &ref=nb_sb_noss
Dyer, Sarah	柑橘和芒果 Orange and Mango Orange is Mango's big sister, and she knows many things. She invents perfectly reasonable answers to the many questions Mango asks. (QDoE)	JF	32	Siblings	9787513550222 https://www.amazon.com.au/L ittle-Smarties-fifth-picture- books/dp/7513550222/ref=sr_ 1_1?crid=Z49P3FBU8I2G&di b=eyJ2IjoiMSJ9.NdNBOltp- Zus0bzQ1gXMfA.VEglawBmo 5p22m92enp_04jckfkOnvbm 7m393HAWLwy&dib_tag=se &keywords=9787513550222& qid=1742167175&sprefix=978 7513550222%2Caps%2C256 &sr=8-1
Grant, Janene	十只贪玩的熊猫 Ten playful pandas Have you ever wondered what baby pandas do all day long? This story explores the daily activities of 10 pandas. (QDoE)	JF	30	Pandas	9781493136612 https://www.amazon.com/%E 5%805%81%E5%85F%AA%E8 %B4%AA%E7%8E%A9%E7 %9A%84%E7%86%8A%E7% 8C%AB-Chinese-Janene- Grant/dp/1493136615?ref_=n av_signin



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Merino, Gemma	牛爬树,真的吗? The cow who climbed a tree Nana is a cow who is full of curiosity and is not limited by what others usually do. She loves exploring new challenges, but her sisters think her ideas are silly. (QDoE)	JF	32	Curiosity Adventure Humour	9789861895758 https://www.sanmin.com.tw/pr oduct/index/005336196
Ren, Mengchen	猴子捞月亮 Monkeys scoop up the moon A story about how a group of monkeys use teamwork to discover that the moon did not fall into the well. (QDoE)	JF	32	Fairy tales Working together	9787504194510 https://product.dangdang.com /29157987.html?_ddclickunio n=P-306226-0-s26388084 ad_type=0 sys_id=1#dd_refer=https%3A9%2F%2F%3Flowest%3D1660%26 pre%3D0%26vendor%3Ddan gdang%26srcpage%3Dsubject%26price%3D2039%26pos%3D20%26url%3Dhttps%253a%252f%252funion.dangdang.com%252ftransfer.php%253ffrom%253dhttps%253a%252f%252funion.dangdang.com%252ftransfer.php%253ffroduct.dangdang.com%252fproduct.dangdang.com%252fproduct.aspx%2536p30duct_id%253d29157987%26cntvendor%3D3%26srcsubj%3D26388084%26type%3Dbkbuy%26subject%3D26388084
Shiwen, Mei	月食 An eclipse Little Zhang explores the cultural and scientific causes of an eclipse. (QDoE)	JF	13	Science	9789881937063 https://www.chinasprout.com/ shop/BSG059
Shiwen, Mei	北京的胡同 Beijing hutongs Beijing is famous for its hutongs. What is a hutong? (QDoE)	JF	13	Homes Places Spaces	9789881936882 https://www.chinasprout.com/ shop/BSG059
Shiwen, Mei	承德避暑山庄 Chengde Summer Palace Little Zhang visits the iconic Chengde Palace – what will he see? (QDoE)	JF	13	Architecture Famous places	9789881937094 https://www.chinasprout.com/ shop/BSG059
Shiwen, Mei	中国龙 Chinese dragons China has many legends; many of them are about dragons. (QDoE)	JF	13	Legends	9789881810847 https://www.chinasprout.com/ shop/BSG059
Shiwen, Mei	食在春节 Chinese New Year food Do you know what the most important thing is for Chinese people at Chinese New Year? (QDoE)	JF	13	Celebrations Food	9789881936806 https://www.chinasprout.com/ shop/BSG059

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Shiwen, Mei	端午节 Dragon boat festival This story outlines the background to the Dragon Boat Festival in China. (QDoE)	JF	13	Festivals	9789881937001 https://www.chinasprout.com/ shop/BSG059
Shiwen, Mei	父亲节 Father's Day What is the best gift for Dad on Father's Day? (QDoE)	JF	13	Celebrations	9789881936929 https://www.chinasprout.com/ shop/BSG059
Shiwen, Mei	放风筝 Flying a kite This book explores the popular Chinese recreation of flying kites. (QDoE)	JF	13	Recreation	9789881937087 https://www.chinasprout.com/ shop/BSG059
Shiwen, Mei	花木兰 Hua Mulan This is the story of legendary fearsome Chinese warrior, Hua Mulan, who went to war in her father's place, disguised as man. (QDoE)	JF	13	Ballad Traditional story	9789881810816 https://www.chinasprout.com/ shop/BSG059
Shiwen, Mei	泼水节 Songkran Festival Little Zhang experiences the Songkran Festival in Yunnan province. (QDoE)	JF	13	Festivals	9789881936929 https://www.chinasprout.com/ shop/BSG059
Siye Bao, Victor; Fanjing, Zeng	苹果派,菠萝派 Apple pie, pineapple pie This play on words discusses who likes to eat apples and pineapples. (Adapted from publisher)	JF	10	Nutrition	9787513809078 https://www.chinabooks.com. au/search.cfm?UR=42304&se arch_stage=details&records_t o_display=50&this_book_num ber=21
Siye Bao, Victor; Fanjing, Zeng	猫和老鼠 Cat and mouse In this 'cat and mouse' game students revise numbers. The rules are described as well as the roles of each player. (Adapted from publisher)	JF	10	Fairness	9787513809061 https://www.purpleculture.net/ sinolingua-reading-tree- starter-for-preschoolers-cat- and-mouse-tom-and-jerry-p- 21826/
Siye Bao, Victor; Fanjing, Zeng	国家 Countries A group of friends find themselves in different countries around the world. Which country do they finally visit? (Adapted from publisher)	JF	10	Geography	9787513811255 https://www.wor.com/products /sinolingua-reading-tree- countries

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Siye Bao, Victor; Fanjing, Zeng	我是你们的弟弟 I am your younger brother Family members inquire about other family members' ages and establish the relative family positions. (QDoE)	JF	10	Family	9787513811279 https://www.purpleculture.net/ sinolingua-reading-tree-level- 2-i-am-your-younger-brother- p-24060/
Siye Bao, Victor; Fanjing, Zeng	月份 Months This simple book shows how we use our knowledge of numbers to name the months of the year. (QDoE)	JF	10	Time	9787513811224 https://www.amazon.com/Mon th-Sinolingua-Reading- English- Chinese/dp/7513811229
Siye Bao, Victor; Fanjing, Zeng	吃水果啦 Time for fruits Children list all their favourite fruits that they love to eat. (QDoE)	JF	10	Nutrition	9787513811323 https://www.purpleculture.net/ sinolingua-reading-tree-level- 2-time-for-fruits-p-24062/
Siye Bao, Victor; Fanjing, Zeng	机器人 Robots A young person's room is a special hideaway where they surround themselves with things they like, and do what they like. Mothers constantly seem to want these rooms to be tidy, but kids don't like cleaning up. Could there be a solution? (QDoE)	JF	27	My space	9787301170632 https://www.purpleculture.net/ my-little-chinese-story-books- 23-robot-with-1-cd-p-7626/
Siye Bao, Victor; Fanjing, Zeng	谢谢 Thank you How to thank others and acknowledge them properly when they thank you. (QDoE)	JF	10	Manners	9787513811217 https://www.purpleculture.net/ sinolingua-reading-tree-level- 1-thank-you-p-24051/
Siye Bao, Victor; Fanjing, Zeng	在哪里? Where are you? Family members ask who others are with and respond saying they are with other family members. (Adapted from publisher)	JF	10	Conversation	9787513811262 https://www.purpleculture.net/ sinolingua-reading-tree-level- 2-where-are-you-p-24059/
Takahashi, Nozomi	刺小猬的蛋 The little hedgehog's egg Is it possible for hedgehogs to hatch ducklings? Hedgehog thinks so! (QDoE)	JF	24	Imagination	9787229092276 https://www.amazon.com.au/ Small-hedgehog-thorn-eggs- Chinese/dp/7229092272

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					9787544827836
Tison, Annette	巴巴爸爸的形状世界 Daddy Baba's world of shapes Uncle Baba designs paintings based on shapes he sees in his environment. (QDoE)	JF	27	Shapes	https://www.amazon.com.au/%E5%B7%B4%E5%B7%B4 %E7%88%B8%E7%88%B8%E7%88%B8%E7%88%B8%E7%88%B8%E7%88%B8%E7%88%B8%E7%88%B8%E7%88%B8%E7%88%B8%E7%88%B8%E7%88%B8%E7%88%B8%E5%A8%B%E7%B3%B9%E5%A8%B%E5%A8%B6%E7%B3%B9%E5%A8%9C%E5%A5%E6%A5%B5%E4%B5%E5%A8%9C%E7%88%B5%E5%B5%B5%B5%B5%B5%B5%B5%B5%B5%B5%B5%B5%B5
					9787556080533
Wang, Gabrielle	十二 生 肖传说 The race for the Chinese zodiac In ancient China, the Jade Emperor announced a race amongst the animals. Their place in the race would determine the order of the 12 animal signs of the Chinese Zodiac. Will all of the animals play fairly? (QDoE)	JF	28	Zodiac	https://www.amazon.com.au/%E6%B5%B7%E8%B1%9A%E7%BB%98%E6%9C%AC%E8%8A%B1%E5%9B%AD%EF%BC%9A%E5%9D%81%E4%BC%96%E7%94%9F%E8%82%96%E4%BC%A0%E8%AF%B4%E7%BC%888%E5%B9%B3%EF%BC%89%E6%B6%B6%B6%B6%B6%B6%B6%B6%B6%B6%B6%B6%B6
	鸟儿筑巢				
Wang,	Birds build nests				9789888176120
Yuanrong; Liu, Bold (illus)	Long, long ago, birds did not know how to build nests. The birds find the five- coloured bird to ask how to build a nest. (QDoE)	JF	23	Birds	https://www.hkbookcity.com/s howbook2.php?serial_no=723 208
	狼来了				9787504193179
Xu, Jin	The wolf is coming	JF	32	Fable	https://www.abebooks.com/97
	A story based on 'The boy who cried wolf'. (QDoE)				87504193179/7504193178/pl p
	吃饭了				
	Dinner is ready				9787513801690
Zhang, Laurette	Mum spends a lot of time preparing dinner, but even more time calling the family to the table. This book offers a lesson in coming to meals when you are called. (QDoE)	JF	29	Obsessions	https://www.abebooks.com/97 87513801699/Five-Eleven Time-MealMP3- 751380169X/plp

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	快点快点				
	Hurry up, hurry up				
Zhang, Laurette	Rain began to fall, getting heavier and heavier. Suddenly, Mum remembered that the washing was still outside, but family members seemed reluctant to bring it inside. Who finally did this? (QDoE)	JF	21	Family	9787513801737 https://www.amazon.com/Five -Eleven-Hurry-Up- Chinese/dp/7513801738
	小龙要睡觉				
7h	It's bedtime for Xiaolong				9787513801621
Zhang, Laurette	Xiaolong is ready to go to sleep, but having difficulty in doing this. Even though it is already bedtime, various interruptions occur (QDoE)	JF	25	Bedtime	https://www.abbeys.com.au/b ook/its-bedtime-for- xiaolong.do
	没关系				
	Never mind		JF 29	Family	9787513801683
Zhang, Laurette	Xiaolong's Dad seemed not to worry about the usual things like what he looked like, things missing or broken, or homework not done. "Never mind," was his usual response. Sometimes, habits catch on. (QDoE)	JF			https://www.amazon.com/s?k =9787513801683&i=stripbook s-intl- ship&crid=1X1Y1300HQANY &sprefix=9787513801683%2 Cstripbooks-intl- ship%2C587&ref=nb_sb_nos s
	现在不行				9787513801560
Zhang,	Not right now	JF	17	Routines	https://www.abebooks.com/97 87513801560/First-Chinese-
Laurette	Xiaolong wants to find somebody to play with but everyone is busy! (QDoE)				Storybooks-Right-Now- 7513801568/plp
	对牛弹琴				
	Playing music to the oxen				0707540044000
Zhang, Laurette	A great musician in ancient China played beautiful music that mesmerised people. He decided he wanted to play his music to oxen grazing the field. But perhaps oxen are not educated in fine music. (QDoE)	JF	29	Appreciation	9787513811309 https://www.purpleculture.net/ my-first-chinese-storybooks- chinese-idioms-playing-music- to-oxen-p-25735/
	红帽子蓝帽子				
	Red cap, blue cap				9787513805254
Zhang, Laurette	Xiaolong thinks his blue cap brings him good luck. He excels at exams and wins running races when he wears it. Yet, when he wears his red cap, nearly everything seems to go wrong. (QDoE)	JF	33	Luck	https://www.purpleculture.net/ my-first-chinese-storybooks- ages-410-red-capblue-cap- mp3-files-p-20814/

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	不对不对 That's wrong, that's wrong				9787513801676
Zhang, Laurette	Poor Xiaolong! He tries to help his family with Chinese New Year preparations when everybody is busy, but keeps on being told he is wrong. Sooner or later, he may be right! (QDoE)	JF	21	Celebration	https://www.purpleculture.net/ my-first-chinese-storybooks- ages-511-thats-wrong-thats- wrong-with-mp3-p-16491/
	穿错了鞋				
	The wrong shoes				0707540005004
Zhang, Laurette	When Xiaolong woke up late, he rushed off to school wearing the wrong shoes, he was worried he'd be in trouble with his teachers. What do you think helped him avoid that? (QDoE)	JF	29	School	9787513805261 https://www.languageint.com. au/product/3435
	等一下				
Zhang,	Wait a moment				9787513801720
Laurette	Xiaolong's family is going on holiday but perhaps the excitement is too much for them, as each gets distracted. (QDoE)	JF	JF 25	Interruptions	https://www.purpleculture.net/ my-first-chinese-storybooks- ages-511-wait-a-moment-p- 27946/
	足球在哪里				
	Where is the football?				9787513801553
Zhang, Laurette	Xiaolong is puzzled when he kicks his football and it disappears. He asks several family members if they have seen it, but they all say they have not. Where can it be? (QDoE)	JF	21	Mystery	https://www.abebooks.com/book- search/isbn/9787513801553/
	谁是第一名				
	Who is the winner?				0797513905347
Zhang, Laurette	Something unusual happened at the sports day. In the ball and spoon race, Xiaolong, Dahai and Dongdong were competing - but an unexpected entrant joined the race. Who won, and what matters about winning? (QDoE)	JF	25	5 School	9787513805247 https://letoboggan.com.au/pro duct/my-first-chinese- storybooks-who-is-the-winner- xiaolong-series/
	活动呀				
	Wobbly tooth				9787513805278
Zhang, Laurette	Xiaolong hated getting his first wobbly tooth, but perhaps there is some compensation for going through this process (Adapted from publisher)	JF	25	Folklore	https://www.purpleculture.net/ my-first-chinese-storybooks- ages-410-wobbly-tooth-p- 18019/

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Zhang, Laurette	小龙的生日礼物 Xiaolong's birthday present On his birthday, Xiaolong wished for many gifts. But, sometimes, gifts appear in unexpected forms. (QDoE)	JF	25	Expectations	9787513801713 https://www.purpleculture.net/ my-first-chinese-storybooks- ages-511-xiaolongs-birthday- present-with-1-mp3-p-13197/
Zhang, Laurette	张三买鞋 Zhang san buying shoes Zhang san's shoes broke, so he wanted to buy a new pair. But there was confusion, as he was unsure about how to make sure the shoe seller knew his correct foot size. (QDoE)	JF	29	Strategy	9787513811316 https://www.amazon.com/My- First-Chinese-Storybooks- English/dp/7513811318

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Queensland Department of Education	Let's go on a picnic This resource provides students with modelled language related to describing picnic food in Chinese. Supports C2C Chinese Years P-2 Unit 6.	JF	21	Food Picnics	https://learningplace. eq.edu.au/cx/resour ces/items/67a418d1 -5eac-4f6d-8269- 5c762c00a48f/0/Vie wIMS.jsp
Queensland Department of Education	My friends' birthday This resource provides students with modelled language related to describing birth months in Chinese. Supports C2C Chinese Years P-2 Unit 7.	JF	14	Birthdays	https://learningplace. eq.edu.au/cx/resour ces/items/7113cca7- 89f8-43a0-ab99- 521a052d2e07/0/Vie wIMS.jsp
Queensland Department of Education	Linlin's bag This eBook provides students with modelled language related to the names of common school items in Chinese. Supports C2C Chinese Years P-2 Unit 9.	JF	21	School	https://learningplace. eq.edu.au/cx/resour ces/items/4f6cd316- d4dd-4157-81a6- bc4e0865d057/0/Vie wIMS.jsp
Queensland Department of Education	Finding Linlin This eBook provides students with modelled language related to seeking locational information and names of rooms in a house in Chinese. Supports C2C Chinese Year 3-4 Unit 1.	JF	15	Houses	https://learningplace. eq.edu.au/cx/resour ces/items/e2f96544- 7b47-4979-9bda- 94a4acf20da6/0/Vie wIMS.jsp
Queensland Department of Education	Mulan This eBook introduces students to the characters in the traditional Chinese story of Mulan. Supports C2C Chinese Year 6 Unit 6.	JF	10	Legend of a soldier	https://learningplace. eq.edu.au/cx/resour ces/items/eaa95299 -c75e-4d52-b6cc- 3f1ae6d21203/0/Vie wIMS.jsp

Queensland Department of Education Queensland Department of Education	My family day This eBook is about the activities of a Chinese family on a day out together. Supports C2C Chinese Year 5 Unit 2. Perfect space This eBook is about two characters (a little girl and her rabbit) searching for the perfect personal space in China. Supports C2C Chinese Years 5-6 Unit 3.	JF	12	Family Places Spaces	https://learningplace.eq.edu.au/cx/resources/items/e8f60670-14fe-4dcc-a34c-9dbd39a51e0a/0/ViewlMS.jsp https://learningplace.eq.edu.au/cx/resources/items/eb351549-4d98-438b-b08d-277a89f0e021/0/ViewlMS.jsp
Queensland Department of Education	Sun Wukong The Chinese story of Sun Wukong – the Monkey King. Supports C2C Chinese Year 6 Unit 6.	JF	10	Traditional stories	https://learningplace. eq.edu.au/cx/resour ces/items/52e8b801 -f957-464a-9b62- 7cc5c6b7f320/0/Vie wIMS.jsp
Queensland Department of Education	The blind men and the elephant This eBook is the story of 'The blind men and the elephant'. Supports C2C Chinese Years 3-4 Unit 8.	JF	13	Traditional stories	https://learningplace. eq.edu.au/cx/resour ces/items/955b832d -df9e-43c9-9871- 4af46ddcabeb/0/Vie wIMS.jsp
Queensland Department of Education	The fox and the tiger This eBook is the Chinese folktale of 'The fox and the tiger'. Supports C2C Chinese Years 3-4 Unit 8.	JF	16	Traditional stories	https://learningplace. eq.edu.au/cx/resour ces/items/ea1a044f- 940c-4eb7-a1c4- 641a69dec761/1/Vi ewIMS.jsp
Queensland Department of Education	The leaping carp and the Dragon Gate This eBook is the story of 'The leaping carp and the dragon gate'. Supports C2C Chinese Years 5-6 Unit 8.	JF	14	Traditional stories	https://learningplace. eq.edu.au/cx/resour ces/items/bb3568d8 -ae2c-41a3-84de- c34185703883/1/Vi ewIMS.jsp
Queensland Department of Education	Wendy and Alice's story This eBook provides personal details to locate cultural information about naming practices and making connections in names. Supports C2C	JF	9	Names	https://learningplace. eq.edu.au/cx/resour ces/items/3914726d -137b-4abe-9a32- cfae1ce47a46/1/Vie

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Chinese Years 5-6 Unit 1.		wlMS.jsp