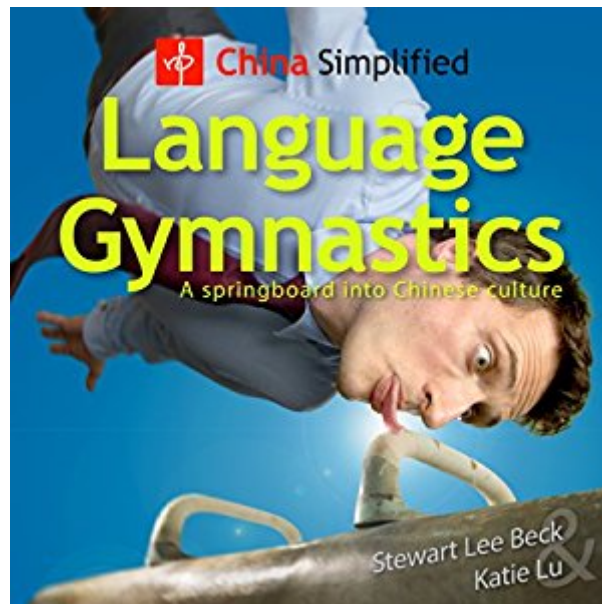


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# China Simplified: Language Gymnastics: A Springboard Into Chinese Culture



## Synopsis

Many people are curious about China, yet somehow that curiosity has not translated into a better understanding of this remarkable culture and its countless stories. China Simplified books explore the language, history, and more in quick-listen, engaging formats making the country and culture super-accessible for a busy world; "untangling the noodles" for you! In China Simplified: Language Gymnastics, language expert Katie Lu and China veteran Stewart Lee Beck lead listeners on an entertaining journey through the most fascinating elements of Chinese and show how language is the key to the gates of China.

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## Customer Reviews

As someone who doesn't know much about the Chinese language or culture, I found this book to be entertaining and insightful. The book kept me captivated and I was able to read through it in one sitting. Stewart and Katie take something intimidating and make it fun. This book is definitely worth reading to any reader.

Great read for anyone learning Chinese, with a Chinese spouse or looking to live in China. I read this one straight through. [Lostinchinese.com](http://Lostinchinese.com)

What would be very convenient is a link to pronunciation. The pinyin helps of course but in some cases for instance proverbs it would be very nice.

It isn't often that I feel entertained at the same time I'm learning something new. The authors have found a balance of meaty content with light touches that makes this a joy to read. For all its world prominence, China is still a mystery to most people. This book, and presumably the series, helps open China up for observation and understanding. I enjoyed it from page one to the end.

I was going to save this book for my summer reading, but once I started to read Language Gymnastics, I kept on going. I have no intention of learning Chinese (having barely mastered my own native tongue), but I found this book to be very insightful regarding the Chinese culture, which I find mysterious yet fascinating. Stewart Beck's self-deprecating writing style is very humorous, but his humor conveys deeper messages about the tenacity of the human spirit and our universal desire to connect and belong. This book informs and engages.

This book encourages you to open your mind to the unlimited opportunities to learn and grow in an amazing culture. Learning a few key Chinese phrases will get you on your way to making new friends and receiving lots of smiles! Steve, Shanghai

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