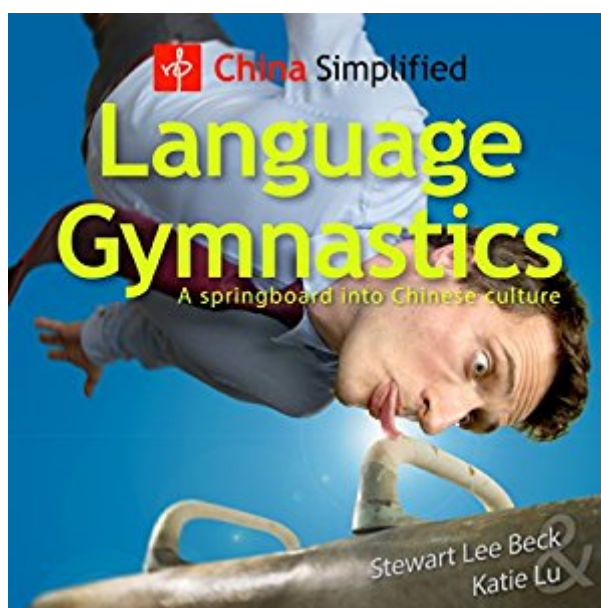


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# China Simplified: Language Gymnastics: A Springboard Into Chinese Culture



## 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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Learning languages isn't just about syntax and grammar. It's also about the cultural elements of the language. If you're thinking about embarking on any kind of course of study for Mandarin, this should be your first read. Fast and concise; a great introduction that'll give you some key background--and help keep you sane as you struggle with a whole new language.

China Simplified takes many intimidating, seemingly incomprehensible (for the China new-comer, anyway), challenging pieces of Chinese culture and makes them easy and fun to learn. For someone with a thirst for learning about things Chinese, this series is a great entry point. Enjoy! Joe Tatelbaum  
China resident since 1982

I work in international business. My job requires me to interact with people from around the world.

Language Gymnastics has proved an invaluable tool in helping me and my colleagues communicate effectively and confidently with Chinese clients. There is so much more to communication than just language and it is important to understand cultural nuances that play into perceptions of one another. This book has certainly helped me avoid more than a few embarrassing situations where something in American culture might be proper whereas in Chinese it is taboo.

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.

If you are new to China, this book would be very informative. If you are familiar with China, there are still new things to learn and confirmation of things you thought you had learned. Very well written.

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)

Language Gymnastics is a fun ride through the Chinese language. It's not so much a language learning book as a travel guide to Chinese culture with language as the medium of understanding. The book is brief, you can get through it in a couple of hours, and a great companion to someone visiting or living in China.

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.

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