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Over their long and colorful history, the Chinese people have produced a variety of fascinating and useful cultural artifacts and performance inventions--from the compass and paper money to tea ceremonies and wedding parties--that have won the admiration of people around the world. They have improved living conditions for many who remain unaware of the Chinese origins of these innovations. This book's forty concise chapters serve as windows into a wide range of Chinese cultural traditions and practices. Some aspects of culture featured here include Chinese gardens, homes, and temples; calligraphy, chess, and clothing; paper cutting, seals, and musical instruments; martial arts and Peking Opera; and feng shui (auspicious design). Amply illustrated, with idiomatic phrases parsed throughout, the authors offer a road map to guide both the novice and "old hand" alike through the essential elements of Chinese culture.



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