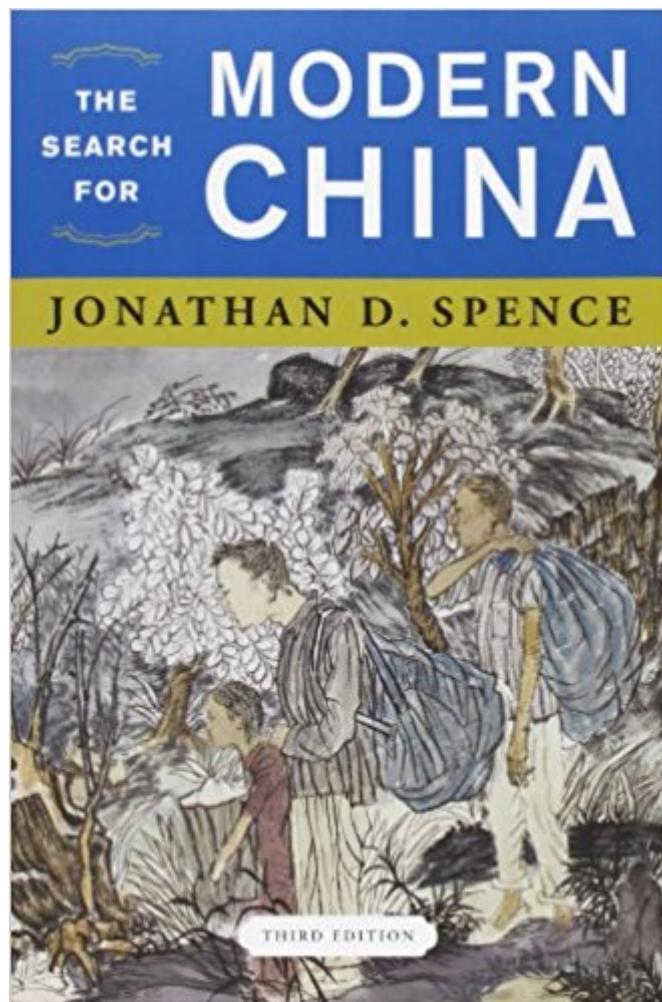


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Jonathan D. Spence is Sterling Professor of History at Yale University, where he has taught for thirty years. He has been awarded MacArthur and Guggenheim Fellowships, and the Los Angeles Times Book Award. The Search for Modern China won the Lionel Gelber Award and the Kiriyama Book Prize.

I took a Modern Chinese History course with Professor Yeh at UC Berkeley. A large portion of her class is based around this book. The book does a wonderful job of explaining the timeline of modern Chinese history and all the major events. It describes and analyzes all the big major events such as end of the Ming Dynasty, Opium Wars, The Boxer Uprising, arrival of communism in China and

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I used Spence to help me build a lecture quickly for my World History class. The prose is very readable and provides interesting information and "flavor." My colleague recommends it as a good introductory text for a specialized class on Chinese history as well but I have not used this text in that capacity.

Incredible wealth of knowledge. Spence's writing is impeccably clear and never dry. He doesn't provide much narrative but it's understandable due to the sheer amount of material he covers.

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Very interesting book

There is some underlining throughout the book. It was like that today when I got it. Other wise the book is perfect.

I have read other histories of China but Mr. Spence presents it in a very readable way and highlight things glossed over in other book.

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