

# BIBLIOGRAPHY FOR PEOPLE GROUP RESEARCH EMPHASIS ON CHINA

## ENCYCLOPEDIAS

**Encyclopedia of World Cultures**, edited by David Levinson. Boston, MA: G.K. Hall, 1991-2002. This is a 10-volume set, with an additional 11th volume published as a supplement. The volumes are organized by region of the world, and contain brief (2-8 page) profiles of people groups in that region. The profiles contain important information such as alternate names for the group, linguistic affiliations, information on culture and history, and a list of sources for further research. This set is based on decades of research performed by the Human Relations Area Files project at Yale University.

**Worldmark Encyclopedia of Cultures and Daily Life**, edited by Timothy L. Gall. Detroit, MI: Gale Research, 1998. This is a 4-volume set, organized by region of the world, which presents articles exploring the way of life of over 500 culture groups worldwide. Each article contains sections on the group's location, language, folklore, religion, holidays, rites of passage, interpersonal relations, living conditions, family life, clothing, food, education, cultural heritage, work, sports, entertainment and recreation, folkarts, social problems, and includes a bibliography of sources.

**Countries and Their Cultures**, edited by Melvin Ember and Carol R. Ember. New York: Macmillan Reference, 2001. This is a 4-volume set, with articles arranged alphabetically by country name. These articles focus on what is commonly shared culturally by the people who live in a country. This resource is very useful when concentrating on the "majority" population of a country, rather than individual people groups (e.g., Venezuelans, rather than the Piaroa tribe.)

**Encyclopedia of the Peoples of the World**, by Amiram Gonen. New York: Henry Holt and Company, 1993. This one-volume encyclopedia contains entries on over 2,000 people groups around the world. It has extensive cross-references and can be very useful in identifying alternate names for a people group.

**Encyclopedia of Stateless Nations: Ethnic and National Groups Around the World**, edited by James Minahan. Westport, CT: Greenwood Press, 2002. This 4-volume set contains 350 short articles highlighting the historical, political, social, religious and economic development of many national groups, many of them virtually unknown outside their countries.

**The Illustrated Encyclopedia of Mankind**, edited by Richard Carlisle. New York: Marshall Cavendish, 1990. This 22-volume set contains articles on over 500 different peoples and cultures. Although it is an older resource, the cultural information is still very useful.

**Encyclopedia of Urban Cultures: Cities and Cultures Around the World**, edited by Melvin Ember and Carol R. Ember. Danbury, CT: Grolier, 2002. This 4-volume set was published under the auspices of the Human Relations Area Files at Yale University. It contains both thematic essays on major issues in urban culture, as well as 240 profiles of cities around the world.

## SPECIALIZED REFERENCE BOOKS—MULTIREGIONAL

**Muslim Peoples: A World Ethnographic Survey**, by Richard V. Weekes, 2nd edition. Westport, CT: Greenwood Press, 1984. Although some of the information is outdated, this is still an important resource. This 2-volume work contains information on over 190 ethnic or linguistic groups, and many of the chapters have extensive bibliographies.

**Peoples on the Move: Introducing the Nomads of the World**, by David J. Phillips. Pasadena, CA: William Carey Library, 2001. This book contains several valuable chapters covering general topics, such as a definition of nomads and communicating the Gospel to nomads, as well as a survey of about 200 nomadic peoples in every region of the world. It includes an extensive and detailed bibliography.

**Ethnic Groups Worldwide: A Ready Reference Handbook**, by David Levinson. Phoenix, AZ: Oryx Press, 1998. This book is separated into four geographical regions: Europe, Africa, Asia and the Pacific, and the Americas. Within each region, there are chapters for each country containing specific information on the ethnic groups of that country.

**Ethnologue: Languages of the World**, Raymond G. Gordon, editor. Dallas, TX: Summer Institute of Linguistics, Inc., 2005. This is an exhaustive survey of the world's languages, organized by country. It is an excellent source for identifying ethnolinguistic people groups, and is particularly valuable for providing alternate names for groups, as well as information on language families. This is also available online at: <http://www.ethnologue.com/>

**Worldmark Encyclopedia of Religious Practices**, edited by Thomas Riggs. Detroit, MI: Thomson Gale, 2006. This is 3-volume set; vol. 1 is an overview of "Religions and Sects", while Vols. 2 and 3 contain individual country profiles of religious beliefs and practices, including rituals, celebrations and observances, scripture, theology, ethics, dietary practices, and political and social issues.

## RESOURCES ON CHINA

For a comprehensive list of people groups in China, go to [www.peoplegroups.org](http://www.peoplegroups.org). Under "Continents" select "Asia." Then, from the list of countries, select "China." You may also want to look at groups listed under "Taiwan" and "Hong Kong."

**Operation China: Introducing All the Peoples of China**, by Paul Hattaway. Pasadena, CA: William Carey Library, 2000. Although China recognizes only 55 "official" minorities, there are actually hundreds of individual ethnic groups, over 500 of which are described in this book. Each one-page description gives information about the group's location, identity, language, history, customs, religion, and status of evangelization. Also available on CD-ROM and at the web site [www.asiaharvest.org](http://www.asiaharvest.org)

**Peoples of the Buddhist World**, by Paul Hattaway. Waynesboro, GA: Authentic Media; Pasadena, CA: William Carey Library, 2004. This book includes more than 100 profiles of Buddhist groups in China, some of which are updated and corrected from the profiles in **Operation China**, and a few of which are newly discovered groups.

**An Ethnohistorical Dictionary of China**, by James S. Olson. Westport, CT: Greenwood Press, 1998. This reference work contains an alphabetical listing of hundreds of people group names from China (including Taiwan, Tibet and the Aksai Chin region of Jammu and Kashmir in India.) It describes these groups in terms of their ethnic identification, subgroups, languages and dialects. It includes known alternate people group names, and brief bibliographies for many of the entries.

**China's National Minorities**, edited by Ma Yin. Beijing: Foreign Languages Press, 1989. This book surveys the 55 "official" minorities of China in chapters that describe each group's population, history, culture, language and customs. Although this is an older book, it does contain useful information about these groups, as well as many photographs.

**In Search of China's Minorities**, edited by Zhang Weiwen and Zeng Qingnan. Beijing, China: New World Press, 1993. This is a survey of the 55 "official" minority groups of China, and contains basic information about each groups customs and culture. There are a few photographs. While written somewhat like a tourist guidebook, this still has valuable information about the people groups it covers.

**China's Unreached Cities, Vol. 1: A Prayer Guide for 52 of China's Least Evangelized Cities**, by Paul Hattaway. Chiang Mai, Thailand: Asian Minorities Outreach, 1999

**China's Unreached Cities, Vol. 2: A Prayer Guide for 50 of China's Least Evangelized Cities**, by Paul Hattaway. Chiang Mai, Thailand: Asian Minorities Outreach, 2003

**The Languages of China**, by S. Robert Ramsey. Princeton, NJ: Princeton University Press, 1987. This gives a good overview of the Chinese languages and major minority language families.

**The Chinese Mosaic: The Peoples and Provinces of China**, by Leo J. Moser. Boulder, CO: Westview Press, 1985. Provides a general introduction to the Han Chinese and a historical introduction to each of the major Chinese dialect areas.

## CHINESE IN OTHER COUNTRIES

**The Chinese in Europe**, edited by Gregor Benton and Frank N. Pieke. New York: St. Martin's Press, 1998. Includes chapters on the Chinese in Britain, France, the Netherlands, Denmark, Germany, Spain, Portugal, Italy, Russia, Hungary, Romania and the Czech Republic.

**The Encyclopedia of the Chinese Overseas**, edited by Lynn Pan. Cambridge, MA: Harvard University Press, 1999. A one-volume reference work that contains chapters on general topics related to Chinese migration, as well as specific information about their experiences in different countries.

## INTERNET RESOURCES

**Note: Internet addresses (URLs) change frequently. If any of these links do not work, just search for the name of the resource, e.g. “Joshua Project.”**

**Google:** [www.google.com](http://www.google.com) There is a tremendous amount of information available on the Internet on people groups. Using the right “search engine” can help you locate this information in the most efficient manner. Google is a very useful search engine for accessing Internet resources. Helpful hints for making the best use of it include:

--Use the “Advanced Search” screen for searching for general sources. You can enter all of the alternate names for a people group in the field called “with at least one of the words,” and Google will search for all of them. If you wish to limit your search to a people group in a particular country, you can add that country name in the field called “with the exact phrase.”

--If you want to find news stories about a people group, use the “News” search feature.

--If you want to find pictures of a people group, try using the “Images” search feature.

**Peplegroups.org:** [www.peplegroups.org](http://www.peplegroups.org) This site contains the database created by the Global Research Department of the International Mission Board. The database is a comprehensive global list of people groups and provides information such as language, primary religion, availability of the Jesus film and status of evangelization.

**PeopleTeams:** [www.peopleteams.org](http://www.peopleteams.org) and <http://all.peopleteams.org> These sites host web pages for many mission teams, including those of the International Mission Board. You can search by region of the world, by people group name, by urban center or by country.

**Asia Harvest:** [www.asiaharvest.org](http://www.asiaharvest.org) This site has good information about work in China, including all of the people profiles from **Operation China** (see details in the resource listing, above.)

**China Source:** <http://www.chsource.org/Profiles.htm> This site contains more than 50 profiles of Chinese people groups, as well a bibliography on Christianity and China, and a lengthy list of links to information on China.

**Joshua Project:** <http://www.joshuaproject.net/> This is another good site for unreached people group profiles. A helpful feature is that the profiles often contain links to additional sources of information.

**Ethnologue:** <http://www.ethnologue.com/> This site contains a comprehensive database of languages and dialects, searchable by language name or by country.

**The Commission Magazine:** <http://www.tconline.org/> This link takes you to the online version of the IMB’s publication *The Commission*. There are a number of articles here on people groups. Additional information can be accessed by clicking on the link “Archives.”

**Amazon:** [www.amazon.com](http://www.amazon.com) This is one of the world’s largest online bookstores. A new feature allows you to search the entire text of many books.

**Library of Congress:** [www.loc.gov](http://www.loc.gov) This link takes you to the web site for one of the largest and most comprehensive research libraries in the world. While the Library of Congress rarely lends its books, this site can be useful for identifying materials that might be borrowed from other libraries.

**Yale University Library:** <http://www.library.yale.edu/> This link takes you to the online site for the library at Yale University, which has an especially strong collection in anthropology.

**CIA World Factbook:** <http://www.odci.gov/cia/publications/factbook/index.html> This is the online version of an annual guide to country information, published by the Central Intelligence Agency.

## DATABASES

**Please check with your local public or academic library for the availability of databases that could be useful in people group research.** Some helpful ones are:

**Anthropology Bibliography on Disc**, New York: G.K. Hall & Co. This is a CD-ROM database which contains bibliographic information on over 100,000 books, monographs, manuscripts, microfilm, and maps from the historic Tozzer Library/Peabody Museum card catalog.

**Anthropological Literature on Disc**, New York: G.K. Hall & Co. This is a CD-ROM index to journal articles on anthropology. The index is produced by the staff of the Tozzer Library at Harvard University.

**Dissertation Abstracts**, University Microfilms. Available through many online services, this database provides information on dissertations from most of the major U.S. universities.

**Religion Index**, Evanston, IL: American Theological Library Association. This database is available in many forms, including online services, CD-ROMs, and print editions. It includes citations to journal articles going back to the 1940s, and is searchable by people group name.

**FirstSearch**, OCLC, Inc... This resource consists of several databases, including WorldCat, a combined listing of 45,000 library catalogs (54 million items). WorldCat is very helpful in locating books that your local library may not own, but that could be borrowed through "interlibrary loan." There are many other databases that can be accessed through FirstSearch, depending on the subscription package chosen by each library.

**Dialog**, Dialog Corporation. This is actually a group of several hundred separate databases that share common searching protocols. The subjects covered range from history and anthropology to business and technical/scientific areas. There are both full-text and citation databases included, and each one has its own pricing structure.

**LexisNexis**. This is one of many full-text news databases available. It can be helpful in obtaining current articles about people groups or cities from newspapers, magazines and wire services.

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