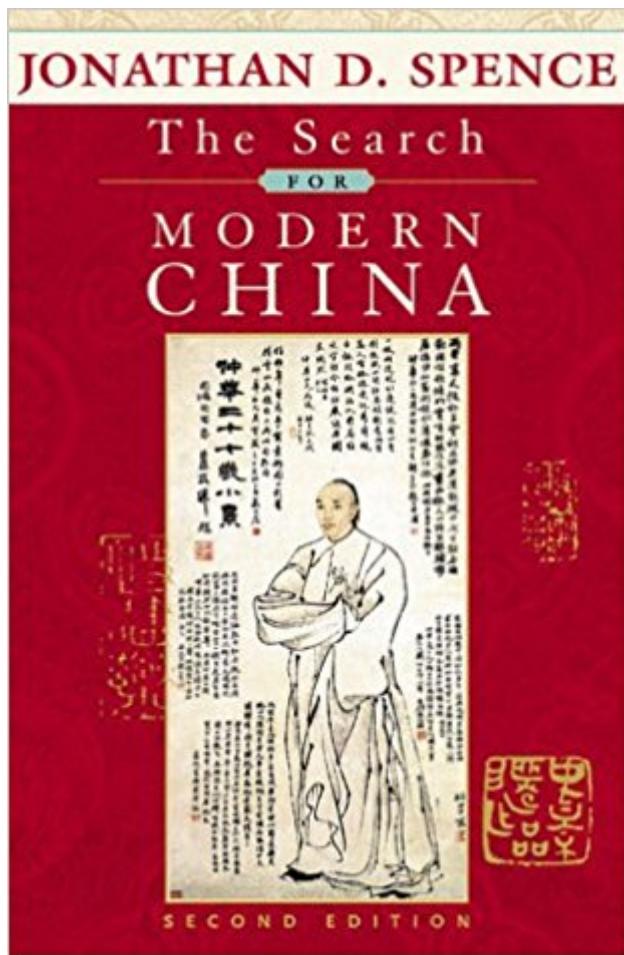


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I took a Modern Chinese History course with Professor Yeh at UC Berkeley. A large portion of her

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 Soviet influence. I especially liked the later chapters about the Cultural Revolution, the behind the curtain workings of the Mao regime and the rise of the free market economy with the resurrection of Deng Xiaoping. I definitely learned a lot from this book and will not be reselling my copy.

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.

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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 highlights things glossed over in other book.

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