## Read on Your Own

### Social Studies Key
- Biography
- Citizenship
- Cultures
- Economics
- Geography
- History

### Extra Support
- **The Magic Horse of Han Gan**
  *by Cheng Jiang Hong, Enchanted Lion Books, 2006*
  Read a Chinese folktale about a magical horse that comes to life.

- **New Clothes for New Year’s Day**
  *by Hyun-Joo Bae, Kane/Miller, 2007*
  A Korean girl prepares for New Year’s with new traditional Korean clothes.

- **A Basket of Bangles: How a Business Begins**
  *by Ginger Howard, Millbrook Press, 2002*
  With a small loan from the bank, Sufiya and her four friends change their lives by starting their own business in Bangladesh.

- **C is for China**
  *by Sungwan So, Frances Lincoln Children’s Books, 2004*
  Go on an alphabetical adventure through China’s cultural traditions and customs.

- **Good Morning China**
  *by Hu Yong Yi, Roaring Brook Press, 2007*
  Read about a typical day in a Chinese community.

### On Level
- **The Elephant Hospital**
  *by Kathy Darling, Millbrook Press, 2000*
  Endangered Asian elephants receive medical treatment at Thailand’s Elephant Hospital.

- **Rickshaw Girl**
  *by Mitali Perkins, Charlesbridge, 2008*
  Naima paints traditional Indian designs on the sides of rickshaws to help her family earn money.

- **Yoshi’s Feast**
  *by Kimiko Kajikawa, DK Publishing, 2000*
  Two neighbors find a profitable way to settle a dispute in this folktale.

- **Tales Told in Tents: Stories from Central Asia**
  *by Sally Pomme Clayton, Frances Lincoln Children’s Books, 2005*
  Read a collection of folktales and legends from Central Asia.

- **The Sacred Ganges**
  *by Charnan Simon, Child’s World, 2004*
  The Ganges is a river sacred to the Hindu people of India.

### Challenge
- **Su Dongpo: Chinese Genius**
  *by Demi, Lee & Low Books, 2006*
  This biography tells the story of Su Dongpo, a Chinese poet and politician.

- **Six Words, Many Turtles, and Three Days in Hong Kong**
  *by Patricia McMahon, Houghton Mifflin, 1997*
  Readers follow a school day and a weekend in the life of an eight-year-old girl living in Hong Kong.

- **Moonbeams, Dumplings, and Dragon Boats: A Treasury of Chinese Holiday Tales, Activities, and Recipes**
  *by Nina Simonds, Leslie Swartz, and The Children’s Museum, Boston, Gulliver Books, 2002*
  This collection of stories about Chinese holidays and their origins includes recipes and activities.

- **Confucius: The Golden Rule**
  *by Russell Freedman, Arthur A. Levine Books, 2002*
  Confucius was a 5th-century B.C.E. Chinese scholar.

- **The Hmong of Southeast Asia**
  *by Sandra Millett, Lerner, 2001*
  Learn about the environment and culture of the Hmong people of Southeast Asia.