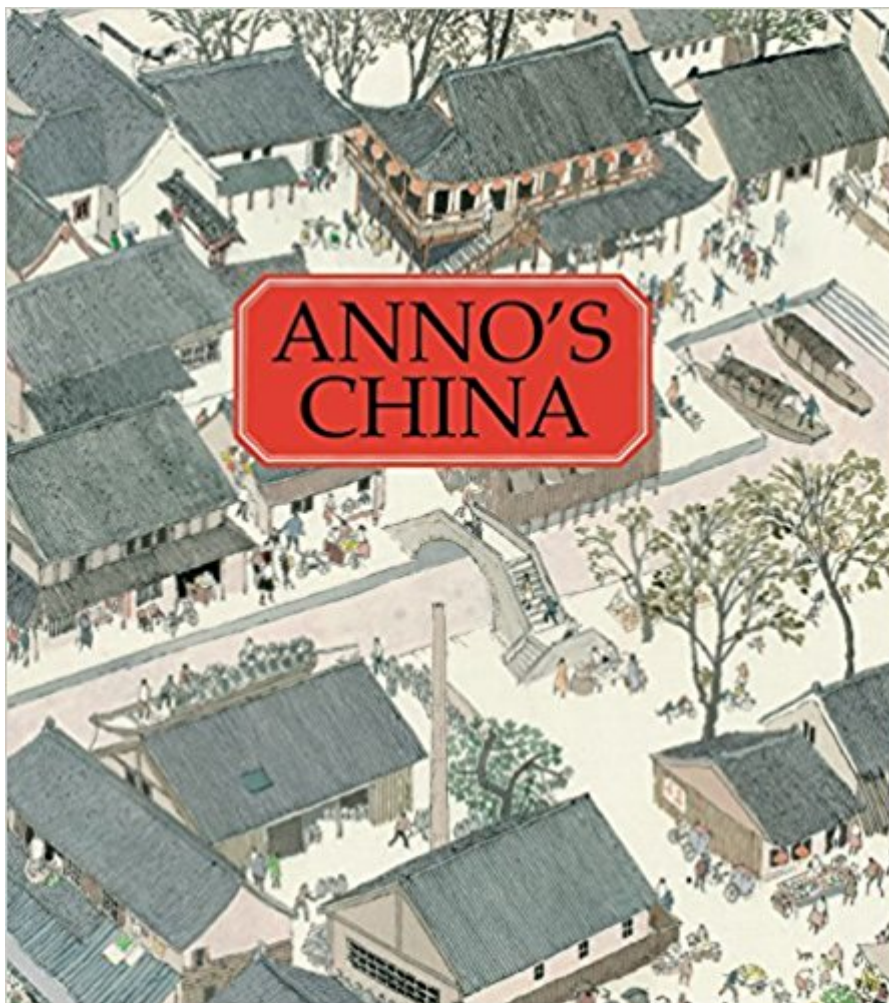


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# Anno's China



## Synopsis

A Kirkus Star book! Allow Anno to be your guide to China. Through delightfully detailed watercolors, readers will explore this vast and varied land where calligraphers bestow good fortune, birds fish for men, and dragons dance. Stand with Anno on the Great Wall, visit bustling villages where the streets are waterways and everyone, even horses and bulls, travel by boat. Learn how flocks of ducks are herded on rivers and witness the discovery of thousands of clay soldiers guarding the ancient tomb of China's first emperor.

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The Japanese master of quotidian detail takes readers up China's Yellow River in this new book, first published in Japan in 2009. . . . It's been a hair over two decades since a new book by Anno (Anno's Magic Seeds, 1995) last made its way to our shores; this tour, breathtaking in its own right, is therefore doubly welcome. --Kirkus Reviews (starred review) In the 1970s the books of Japanese illustrator Mitsumasa Anno began appearing in the United States. His graphic sophistication, his unique perspective on landscapes and the people who inhabit them, and his playful sense of humor would ultimately win for him the Bologna Book Prize and Hans Christian Andersen Award. In Anno's China, once again Anno brings us a book that educates, entertains, and delights. --Anita Silvey, author of Everything I Need to Know I Learned from a Children's Book Anno's China is full of joy and wonder. Beautiful and evocative beyond words. --Shirin Bridges, author of Ruby's Wish

Mitsumasa Anno, winner of the Hans Christian Andersen Award for his lasting contribution to children's literature, is a lover of travel and culture. Anno's books, through their unique perspective

and mischievous sense of humor, have opened to children across the world, cultures and lands distant from their own. Without words Anno conveys the beauty, humanity, and value of all people in all times and places. As he notes, "There are differences in people, different styles of housing, social differences, different cultures all over the world. But perhaps what lies at the bottom of the heart of each human being is the same, an inherent value." Born in Tsuwano, in Western Japan, Mr. Anno studied both art and mathematics before teaching school for ten years. He has written and illustrated over 20 books for children. He makes his home in a suburb of Tokyo. He is married and has two children.

Mitsumasa Anno (b. 1926) is a Japanese author and artist who has written and illustrated over twenty books for children. In the 1970s his books began appearing in the United States, but it has been about two decades since a new book by Anno (Anno's Magic Seeds, 1995) last found its way to America. Anno's China is basically a picture book with explanations and descriptions in the back of what the paintings show. Through these delightfully detailed watercolors, Anno takes readers up China's Yellow River to explore this vast and varied land where calligraphers can bestow good fortune, birds do fishing for men, and dragons dance in New Year's parades. Scenes include bustling villages where the streets are waterways and everyone, even horses and bulls, travel by boat; rivers on which flocks of ducks are herded; the Great Wall; and the discovery of thousands of Terracotta soldiers guarding the ancient tomb of China's first emperor. Anno, who won the Hans Christian Andersen Award for his lasting contribution to children's literature, is a lover of travel and culture and is famous for his illustrated books which take readers through a variety of countries. Anno's China, which is book VII in the series Anno's Journey, was initially published in Japan in 2009 but has never been available to U. S. readers until now. Beautiful Feet Books, a literature-based homeschooling curriculum publisher, has just brought this title back into print. They plan this sixty page wordless journey through China in a new study of theirs available this coming summer. With his unique perspective on landscapes and the people who inhabit them, and his mischievous sense of humor, Anno has given the world books that educate, entertain, and delight by opening children across the world to cultures and lands distant from their own. Shirin Bridges, author of Ruby's Wish, said, "Anno's China is full of joy and wonder. Beautiful and evocative beyond words." Anyone who is interested in China, or world travel generally, will enjoy this book.

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