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Dictionary of 1000 Chinese Proverbs-Marjorie Lin 1998 Chinese origins are listed alphabetically by key words. Written in Chinese Pinyin (phonetic transcription) and followed by the English equivalent.

Dictionary of 1000 Chinese Idioms-Marjorie Lin 2000 Four-character idioms (known as 'chengyu') are key ingredients of the Chinese language. The authors have selected 1000 of the most frequently used idioms, listing them in alphabetical order with Pinyin transcription, while providing the equivalent English translation and the original Chinese characters. An essential book for any serious student of the Chinese language, as well as for Chinese speakers studying English as a second language.

500 Common Chinese Idioms-Liwei Jiao 2013-08-06 First Published in 2011. Routledge is an imprint of Taylor & Francis, an informa company.

Cherished Chinese Proverbs-Hongchen Wang 2014-06-28 Cherished Chinese Proverbs is a bilingual collection of classic stories that have been passed down to generations of Chinese speakers. This work was originally designed as a supplement for students of Chinese as a Second Language, but in this publication we have broadened the focus. In offering these classic stories in both Chinese and English, it is hoped that native Chinese speakers might also benefit. By reading familiar Chinese stories in English, a Chinese student of English may begin to expand his English vocabulary and develop more fluent reading skills.

Best-Loved Chinese Proverbs-Theodora Lau 2009-10-06 "By filling one's head instead of one's pocket, one cannot be robbed." The appeal of Chinese proverbs is profound and universal. With brevity, clarity, and simplicity, these carefully chosen words help pass wisdom and insight throughout the ages. This timeless, eloquent collection of proverbs offers fundamental truths about the natural world and the human condition, on subjects such as: Ability • Adversity • Beauty • Character • Conflict Cooperation • Deception • Defeat • Fortune • Greed • Happiness Honor • Inspiration • Knowledge • Leadership • Love Moderation • Necessity • Neighbors • Obstinacy • Opportunity Perseverance • Pride • Sincerity • Strategy • Success Thought • Trust • Victory • Wisdom • And More "With our thoughts we must build our world."

500 Common Chinese Proverbs and Colloquial Expressions-Liwei Jiao 2014-06-11 500 Common Chinese Proverbs and Colloquial Expressions is a dictionary of key Chinese proverbs or suyu. Suyu are vivid and colourful expressions widely used in Chinese language. The smooth use of chengyu in Chinese writing and of suyu in spoken Chinese not only makes communication more effective, it is also an indicator of mastery of the language. This dictionary will provide an ideal resource for all intermediate to advanced learners of Chinese. Concise and practical, it draws upon a large corpus of authentic language data to present 500 of the most commonly used Chinese suyu. The suyu are listed and organised according to their frequency, enabling easy and convenient access for the reader. Each proverb listing: is given in both simplified and traditional characters offers an English translation, followed by English equivalents is followed by two examples, written in Chinese, Pinyin and English, plus explanations and usage notes. Examples are given in the form of dialogues reflecting typical situations, and helpful cultural annotations are provided throughout. A Pinyin index, a stroke index and a Chinese word index are presented at the back of the book and accompanying audio is also available for free download at [www.routledge.com/9780415501491](http://www.routledge.com/9780415501491). Recorded by native speakers and covering the whole range of proverbs, expressions and example sentences featured in the book, this invaluable resource will help students to build up strong comprehension and communication skills. This dictionary is suitable both for class use and independent study and will be of keen interest to students and teachers of Chinese alike.

ABC Dictionary of Chinese Proverbs (Yanyu)-John S. Rohsenow 2001-11-30 This Chinese-English dictionary of proverbs (yanyu) consists of approximately 4,000 Chinese proverbs alphabetically arranged by the first word(s) (ci) of the proverb according to the Hanyu Pinyin transcription and Chinese characters (standard simplified), followed by a literal (and when necessary also a figurative) English translation. Additional data such as brief usage notes, sources, parallel expressions, cross-references, and famous instances of use are provided where available. The proverbs are supplemented by an index of key words (both Chinese and English) found in all entries and of all topics addressed. The author has provided a scholarly introduction analyzing the definition, structure, usage, and history of these yanyu in traditional and contemporary China as well as a bibliography of collections and relevant scholarly studies of yanyu. This work, the first such scholarly collection to appear since the Reverend Scarborough's 1926 collection, will be of use not only to sinologists in a wide variety of fields, including anthropology, literature, sociology, psychology, and history, but also to non-Chinese readers interested in Chinese culture or comparative ethnolinguistic and paremiological research.

Chinese Proverbs-James Trapp 2019-04-02 Deeply rooted in culture, and represented in four elegant Chinese characters, the sayings called Cheng-yu make oblique references to poetry, philosophy, or history. This gorgeous volume features some of the most famous proverbs, including "beat grass warn snake" (give the game away, tip someone off). Each phrase includes an explanation, its literal English translation, what the calligraphic strokes symbolize, and its uses.

Chinese Proverbs- 2012-12-01 Beautifully produced in traditional Chinese binding, this book contains over 100 chengyu with its literal meaning, idiomatic meaning, and a short description of where the saying was derived from. Chengyu in standard pinyin transliteration and pronounced chung ewe, literally translates as "become a saying" or more idiomatically "set phrase". They usually consist of four characters, though there is one chengyu in this collection with five characters. Chengyu add a depth and richness of expression to modern Chinese, which quite often is difficult to fully translate. English, too, has its own proverbs and idioms. These serve much the same function but they do not have the same standard format as chengyu and they are not as commonly used. Almost all of the chengyu included in this collection refer back to stories found in some of the earliest Chinese literature. Many of these sources stem from either famous Chinese philosophers, such as Confucius and Zhuangzi, or historical records, particularly of the period known as the Warring States (476-221 BCE), when China was almost constantly caught up in civil war. Gaining familiarity of chengyu does not just improve one's spoken Chinese, but it also gives an insight into the richness and variety of Chinese history and tradition.

The Book of Chinese Proverbs-Gerd De Ley 2019-12-31 The Book of Chinese Proverbs collects over 1000 of the most profound and illuminating proverbs--both ancient and modern--from China and its people. Chinese culture is one of the oldest in history and the amount of wisdom collected during that time is bigger than the Great Wall of China. From Confucius to Laozi to Sun Tzu, numerous Chinese philosophers and their teachings have influenced Chinese culture, but permeated in many different parts of the world. The Book of Chinese Proverbs features over 1000 of the greatest ones, organized to be accessible and informative for today's audience and giving more insights to China and its rich culture.

ABC Dictionary of Chinese Proverbs (Yanyu)-John S. Rohsenow 2003-02-28 This Chinese-English dictionary of proverbs (yanyu) consists of approximately 4,000 Chinese proverbs alphabetically arranged by the first word(s) (ci) of the proverb according to the Hanyu Pinyin transcription and Chinese characters (standard simplified), followed by a literal (and when necessary also a figurative) English translation. Additional data such as brief usage notes, sources, parallel expressions, cross-references, and famous instances of use are provided where available. The proverbs are supplemented by an index of key words (both Chinese and English) found in all entries and of all topics addressed. The author has provided a scholarly introduction analyzing the definition, structure, usage, and history of these yanyu in traditional and contemporary China as well as a bibliography of collections and relevant scholarly studies of yanyu. This work, the first such scholarly collection to appear since the Reverend Scarborough's 1926 collection, will be of use not only to sinologists in a wide variety of fields, including anthropology, literature, sociology, psychology, and history, but also to non-Chinese readers interested in Chinese culture or comparative ethnolinguistic and paremiological research.

Proverbs-Wolfgang Mieder 2004 Defines and classifies proverbs, and explores their occurrence in oral tradition, literature, art, and popular culture.

My First Korean Dictionary- 2019-03-05 Presents pictures of everyday items to teach the words in both languages.

Nobel Universal Graphical Language-Milan Randic 2010-05-24 Nobel is a pictographic language based on some 120 basic signs and many arrows of different shape that are mutually combined. It is named after Alfred Nobel (18331896), Swedish chemist and industrialist, inventor of dynamite, who left most of his fortune to a foundation that annually gives awards to individuals whose work is characterized as greatest benefit to mankind, known as Nobel Prizes. Besides the awards for sciences and literature significantly, Alfred Nobel included, among others, a prize for peace (that besides individuals, also organizations may obtain). Although it would be utopian to believe that human conflicts could be avoided if communication tools would improve, the emergence of universal languages certainly cannot make the situation worse! Universal languages are a communication tool, which makes it possible for people of no common language to communicate. They are graphic, but they should be distinguished from picture writings, which only passively offer information on some event or give messages. Universal languages have more similarity with the sign languages that are used for people who lost hearing or the sign language of American Plains Indians, who spoke different languages and could communicate by sign language that they developed. However, written language has some advantages over hand sign languages in that one can communicate at a great distance, particularly today in the age of fax and computer communications, and that one can leave messages for posterity. This is not the place to argue for or against the promise of written sign languages. Graphic (written) sign languages exist today, and the best known are Chinese characters used in China and Japan. The problem with Chinese characters is that there are too many characters and it is difficult to learn so many. It takes years for children in China and Japan to learn so many different characters, and the task would be even harder for grown people to learn if they have not done this when young. Nobel is designed to remove this difficulty and is based on the following requirements: 1. SMALL NUMBER OF BASIC SIGNS 2. SIGNS SHOULD BE EASY TO RECOGNIZE 3. SIGNS SHOULD BE EASY TO REPRODUCE 4. COMBINATIONS LIMITED TO THREE SIGNS 5. COMPLEMENTARY We have already mentioned that Nobel uses about 120 basic signs, which can be viewed as a small number, particularly in view of over 100 signs of Nobel that are so obvious that they can be easily absorbed. The other requirements are also very important. There are many signs that can be easily recognized, but in order to be acceptable for Nobel, they also need to be easily reproduced, because that will facilitate communication. Also, when making combinations of signs, one has to make some restriction in order to maintain clarity, so we decided to have no more than three signs combined into single word. Finally, the last requirement, that of complementarities, needs some explanation. Besides having signs that one can easily recognize and easily draw, one needs some structure to be embedded into composition of signs that facilitates one to remember and learn signs easily. We refer to this structure as complementary or, broadly speaking, associational, and what it implies is that words and objects that are related should have related signs. Thus, for example, pairs of words like man-woman, cat-dog, coffee-tea, good-bad, love-hate, etc., should have signs that are in some opposition, while words like smoke-flame-fire, tree-wood-forest, water-sea-ocean, good-better-best should have signs that are in competition. With this in mind when one sees and learns the basic signs, the meaning of many combinations of signs can be in advance anticipated. This helps one to learn Nobel rather fast; not months, not weeks, perhaps not even days, but a couple of hours may suffice that one may learn hundreds and hundreds of words. In this respect, Nobel may be unique among languages written, spoken of,

Chinese Myths-J.K. Jackson 2018-12-15 River Gods, snake spirits, mountain and Immortals, Chinese mythology is alive with ancient passions. China's unique set of mythological tales are derived from its vast expanse, diverse culture and the endless wars between tribes and dynasties. The result is a rich landscape of humanity, gods and spirits battling for survival and supremacy. This brilliant new book introduces the key themes and characters of Chinese legend before plunging into the fascinating stories themselves. FLAME TREE 451: From mystery to crime, supernatural to horror and myth, fantasy and science fiction, Flame Tree 451 offers a healthy diet of werewolves and mechanical men, blood-lust vampires, dastardly villains, mad scientists, secret worlds, lost civilizations and escapist fantasies. Discover a storehouse of tales gathered specifically for the reader of the fantastic.

The Little Giant Encyclopedia of Proverbs-David Macfarlane 2001 If a man can't dance, him say de music no good--Jamaican proverb. For your amusement or inspiration, or for livening up any speech, proverbs have an irresistible power. These little pockets of wisdom say volumes about a culture, so take a tour around the world in words. You'll encounter lively, colorful sayings from Africa and its diaspora, Central and South America, Mexico, Native American nations, Asia, Europe, the Middle East, and more.

A Collection of Chinese Proverbs-William Scarborough 1875

Berkshire Dictionary of Chinese Biography Volume 4-Kerry Brown 2015-05-01 The Berkshire Dictionary of Chinese Biography (1979-2015) provides a riveting new way to understand twenty-first-century China and a personal look at the changes that have taken place since the Reform and Opening Up era started in 1979. One hundred key individuals from this period were selected by an international group of experts, and the stories were written by more than 70 authors in 14 countries. The authors map the paths taken by these individuals-some rocky, some meandering, some fateful-and in telling their stories give contemporary Chinese history a human face. The editors have included with the advice of myriad experts around the world-not only the life stories of politicians and government officials, who play a crucial role in the development of the country, but the stories of cultural figures including, film directors, activists, writers, and entrepreneurs from the mainland China, Hong Kong, and also from Taiwan. The "Greater China" that comes through in this volume has diverse ideas and identities. It is often contradictory, sometimes fractious, and always full of creative human complexity. Some of the lives rendered here are heroic. Some are tragic, and many are inspirational. Some figures come in for trenchant criticism, and others are celebrated with a sense of wonder and awe. Like previous volumes of the Berkshire Dictionary of Chinese Biography, this volume includes a range of appendices, including a pronunciation guide, a bibliography, and a timeline of key events.

A Thousand Pieces of Gold-Adeline Yen Mah 2002-10-08 A Thousand Pieces of Gold is a cultural memoir as well as a personal account of China's past, illustrated by proverbs taken from a fascinating period of history when China was ruled by the First Emperor, Qin Shihuang (259-210 B.C.E.), the sovereign who united China, built the Great Wall, and standardized the Chinese language. New York Times bestselling author Adeline Yen Mah combines fascinating historical insights with personal stories from her own life to show the enduring relevance and influence of proverbs in Chinese life, even to the present day. Yen Mah recreates a lost world in which warlords, scholars, and courtiers plot and counter-plot to create some of the world's greatest dramas. Her unique perspective creates a window into the Chinese mind, enabling Western readers to better comprehend Chinese thought and culture, while being mesmerized by stories first told by the legendary historian Sima Qian, China's Herodotus. Combining probing historical analysis with stories of tremendous personal insight, A Thousand Pieces of Gold is a work of heartfelt intimacy and a singularly authentic portrait of Chinese culture.

A Cultural Dictionary of The Chinese Language-Liwei Jiao 2019-11-21 A Cultural Dictionary of the Chinese Language introduces the 500 most important cultural traits of the Chinese as reflected in language use, especially in Chinese idioms (chengyu), proverbs and colloquial expressions (suyu). Communicative competence, the ultimate goal of language learning, consists of not only linguistic, but intercultural competence, which enables the language learner to speak with fluency and understanding. The Chinese language is richly imbued with cultural wisdoms and values underlying the appropriateness of idioms in the Chinese language. The Dictionary provides Intermediate and B1-C1 level learners as well as scholars of the Chinese language with an essential reference book as well as a useful cultural reader.

Understanding and Using Chinese Grammar (an Easy-To-Use Guide with Clear Rules, Real-World Examples, and 200+ Pictures)-Zhou Xiaogeng 2013-10-01 "Interesting", "practical" and "unique" are the right words for describing this grammar book. This book not only introduces the fundamental knowledge about the Chinese language but also, and more importantly, reveals the reasons behind the principles and rules, which helps learners to understand this language and apply the grammar rules well. Contents CHAPTER 1 Preparing to Start 1.1 A New Perspective 1.2 Chinese Language, Dialect, and Mandarin Chinese 1.3 Chinese Character, Simplified Character, and Traditional Character 1.4 Pronunciation, Tone, and Pinyin CHAPTER 2 Secrets of Combination 2.1 Concepts and Mechanisms 2.2 Three Basic Types of Combining Processes 2.3 Know More, Do More Chapter 3 Detailed Types of Combining Processes 3.1 Concepts and Mechanisms 3.2 Combining between Nouns 3.3 Combining between Verbs 3.4 Combining between Adjectives 3.5 Combining between a Noun and an Adjective 3.6 Combining between a Noun and a Verb 3.7 Combining between a Verb and an Adverb 3.8 Know More, Do More Chapter 4 Multiple Combining Processes 4.1 Concepts and Mechanisms 4.2 Logical Relations and Combining Sequences 4.3 Details and Skills 4.4 Know More, Do More Chapter 5 Structures and Gradations 5.1 Intermissions 5.2 Structure-Marking Words 5.3 Relation-Marking Words 5.4 Know More, Do More Chapter 6 Words in Special Types 6.1 Words as Affixes 6.2 Words as Reduplication 6.3 Words as Sounds Imitations 6.4 Words as Abbreviations 6.5 Chinese Idioms Chapter 7 Quantities, Times, and Places 7.1 To Describe Numbers and Quantities 7.2 To Describe Times 7.3 To Describe Places Chapter 8: About Sentences 8.1 Concepts and Mechanisms 8.2 Consistency in Combining Principles and Rules Chapter 9 To Make Comments and Descriptions 9.1 Concepts and Mechanisms 9.2 To Make Comments about Objects 9.3 To Describe Properties of Objects 9.4 To Describe Definitions 9.5 To Make Comparisons and Conclusions Chapter 10 To Describe Existence 10.1 Concepts and Mechanisms 10.2 To Describe Existence in General Statutes 10.3 To Describe Existence in Specific Statutes Chapter 11 To Describe Acts 11.1 Concepts and Mechanisms 11.2 To Describe Issuers and Acts 11.3 To Describe Acts and Receivers 11.4 To Describe Issuers, Acts, and Receivers 11.5 Special Sentence Structures Chapter 12 To Raise Questions: Yes or No 12.1 Concepts and Mechanisms 12.2 To Apply Interrogative Words 12.3 To Apply Reduplicative Structures 12.4 To Apply Independent Structures Chapter 13 To Raise Questions: Ask for Details 13.1 Concepts and Mechanisms 13.2 To Inquire about Unknown People 13.3 To Inquire about Unknown Things 13.4 To Inquire about Unknown Acts 13.5 To Inquire about Unknown Places 13.6 To Inquire about Specific Unknown Objects 13.7 To Inquire about Unknown Statures 13.8 To Inquire about Unknown Reasons 13.9 To Inquire about Unknown Quantities 13.10 To Inquire about Unknown Times 13.11 Know More, Do More Chapter 14 Past, Present, and Future 14.1 Concepts and Mechanisms 14.2 Tense of Present Indefinite 14.3 Tense of Past Indefinite 14.4 Tense of Future Indefinite 14.5 Tense of Present Continuous 14.6 Tense of Past Continuous 14.7 Tense of Future Continuous 14.8 Tense of Present Perfect 14.9 Tense of Past Perfect 14.10 Tense of Future Perfect 14.11 Know More, Do More Chapter 15 Start, End, and Span 15.1 Concepts and Mechanisms 15.2 To Describe a Specific Point 15.3 To Describe a Span 15.4 Know More, Do More Chapter 16 Connection and Integration 16.1 Concepts and Mechanisms 16.2 To Specify Coordinating Relationships 16.3 To Specify Progressive Relationships 16.4 To Specify Adversative Relationships 16.5 To Specify Conditional Relationships 16.6

To Specify Cause-and-Effect Relationships 16.7 To Specify Objective Relationships 16.8 To Apply Independent Reminding Words 16.9 Know More, Do More

Dictionary of Proverbs and Their Origins-Linda Flavell 2000 In this reference text, Linda and Roger Flavell trace the origins and histories of over 400 proverbs, detailing the changes of meaning and usage that have occurred throughout each proverb's life and offering literary examples dating back over 2000 years. Entries have been selected because they have a tale to tell and because they are pithily phrased and offer, as Cervantes put it, short sentences drawn from long experience.

Reading and Writing Chinese-William McNaughton 2013-07-23 This is a complete and easy-to-use guide for reading and writing Chinese characters. Learning written Chinese is an essential part of mastering the Chinese language. Used as a standard by students and teachers learning to read Chinese and write Chinese for more than three decades, the bestselling Reading & Writing Chinese has been thoroughly revised and updated. Reading & Writing Chinese places at your fingertips the essential 1,725 Chinese characters' current definitions, derivations, pronunciations, and examples of correct usage by utilizing cleverly condensed grids. This guide also focuses on Pinyin, which is the official system to transcribe Hanzi, Chinese characters, into Latin script, now universally used in mainland China and Singapore. Traditional characters (still used in Taiwan and Hong Kong) are also included, making this a complete reference. Newly updated and revised, these characters are the ones officially prescribed by the Chinese government for the internationally recognized test of proficiency in Chinese, the Hanyu Shuiping Kaoshi (HSK). The student's ability to read and write Chinese are reinforced throughout the text. Key features of this newly-expanded edition include: The 1,725 most frequently used characters in both Simplified and Traditional forms. All 2,633 characters and 5,000+ compounds required for the HSK Exam. Standard Hanyu Pinyin romanizations. More mnemonic phrases and etymologies to help you remember the characters. An extensive introduction, alphabetical index, and index according to stroke count and stroke order. Completely updated/expanded English definitions. Convenient quick-reference tables of radicals. Updated and revised compounds, plus 25% more vocabulary now offered. Codes to assist those who are preparing for the AP exam or the HSK exam.

Chinese Phrases For Dummies-Wendy Abraham 2005-10-03 Hundreds of useful phrases at your fingertips Speak Chinese - instantly! Traveling to China but don't know Chinese? Taking Chinese at school but need to kick up your conversation skills? Don't worry! This handy little phrasebook will have you speaking Chinese in no time. Discover how to Get directions, shop, and eat out Talk numbers, dates, time, and money Chat about family and work Discuss sports and the weather Deal with problems and emergencies

Korean Picture Dictionary-Tina Cho 2018-07-10 A fun and helpful resource for anyone interested in learning some Korean—whether you're 5 or 100! This picture dictionary covers the 1,500 most useful Korean words and phrases. Each word and sentence is given in Korean Hangul characters—with a Romanized version to help you pronounce it correctly—along with the English meaning. The words are grouped into 40 different themes or topics, including basics like meeting someone new and using public transportation to culture-specific topics like celebrating Korean holidays and eating Korean food. This colorful picture dictionary includes: Hundreds of color photographs 1,500 Korean words and phrases 40 different topics—from social media and WiFi to paying and counting Example sentences showing how the words are used Companion online audio recordings by native Korean speakers of all the vocabulary and sentences An introduction to Korean pronunciation and grammar An index to allow you to quickly look up words Korean Picture Dictionary makes language learning more fun than traditional phrasebooks. This resource is perfect for beginners of all ages—curious kids, visual learners and future travelers to Korea.

A Dictionary of Japanese Idioms-William De Lange 2005 What student of the Japanese language has not grappled with the amazing diversity and tantalizingly elusive nuances of its idioms? This dictionary offers the most comprehensive compilation and English translation of those idiomatic expressions that so enrich the Japanese language but that fail to find their way into conventional dictionaries. It presents some 7000 idiomatic phrases under 1000 main entries, including several thousands of idioms that have never been presented and explained in English before. Multiple sample sentences are given for each entry, and furigana allows even beginning students to use the expressions immediately. A thumb index and two-color printing make entries exceptionally easy to access.

Roadmap to Strategic HR-Ralph Christensen 2006 A practical process for turning human resources into a crucial component of success -- from an HR professional who really did it!

Tao Te Ching-Laozi 2015-09-23 The Tao Te Ching is fundamental to the Taoist school of Chinese philosophy and strongly influenced other schools, such as Legalism and Neo-Confucianism. This ancient book is also central in Chinese religion, not only for Taoism but Chinese Buddhism, which when first introduced into China was largely interpreted through the use of Taoist words and concepts. Many Chinese artists, including poets, painters, calligraphers, and even gardeners have used the Tao Te Ching as a source of inspiration. Its influence has also spread widely outside East Asia, aided by hundreds of translations into Western languages. Notice: This Book is published by Historical Books Limited (www.publicdomain.org.uk) as a Public Domain Book, if you have any inquiries, requests or need any help you can just send an email to publications@publicdomain.org.uk This book is found as a public domain and free book based on various online catalogs, if you think there are any problems regard copyright issues please contact us immediately via DMCA@publicdomain.org.uk

Proverb Lore-Frederick Edward Hulme 1902

The Joy Luck Club-Amy Tan 2006-09-21 "The Joy Luck Club is one of my favorite books. From the moment I first started reading it, I knew it was going to be incredible. For me, it was one of those once-in-a-lifetime reading experiences that you cherish forever. It inspired me as a writer and still remains hugely inspirational." —Kevin Kwan, author of Crazy Rich Asians Amy Tan's beloved, New York Times bestselling tale of mothers and daughters Four mothers, four daughters, four families whose histories shift with the four winds depending on who's "saying" the stories. In 1949 four Chinese women, recent immigrants to San Francisco, begin meeting to eat dim sum, play mahjong, and talk. United in shared unspeakable loss and hope, they call themselves the Joy Luck Club. Rather than sink into tragedy, they choose to gather to raise their spirits and money. "To despair was to wish back for something already lost. Or to prolong what was already unbearable." Forty years later the stories and history continue. With wit and sensitivity, Amy Tan examines the sometimes painful, often tender, and always deep connection between mothers and daughters. As each woman reveals her secrets, trying to unravel the truth about her life, the strings become more tangled, more entwined. Mothers boast or despair over daughters, and daughters roll their eyes even as they feel the inextricable tightening of their matriarchal ties. Tan is an astute storyteller, enticing readers to immerse themselves into these lives of complexity and mystery.

Fine Aphorisms, Proverbs & Philosophical Quotes-Yoji K. Gondor 2014-07-17 Proverbs provide a general truth by using short & carefully crafted sentences. They represent the popular wisdom, the words of the ancestors, and are the spirit of a nation. Proverbs associate with a specific rhyme and rhythm that provides them a unique tone and meaning, qualities that are tied to a specific language. Proverbs translations do lose some of the traits of the original proverbs, and therefore they qualify as merely aphorisms. Aphorisms that are meant to preserve the general meaning of the proverb, however in the process they lose the cultural connection. The writing also includes some of my favorite philosophical quotes. The quotes were collected during the years and come from my personal reading. Samples from the text: • Life is unpredictable-eat your cake first. • What can you expect from a pig but a grunt? • He, who has nothing else to hold on to, grasps even on a drawn sword. • Better give cherries to a pig than advice to a fool. • A Christian forgives, an idiot forgets. • When it rains soup, the poor man has no spoon. • Adversity makes a man wise, not rich.

The Oxford Dictionary of Idioms-Jennifer Speake 2000 Containing 5,000 idioms, alphabetically arranged by key word, this book covers metaphorical phrases, familiar quotations and proverbs, and similes. It provides meanings for well-known idioms such as set the world alight, cost an arm and a leg, once in a blue moon, the tip of the iceberg, and many more. A date of origin is often given and many entries are supported by illustrative quotations from sources as varied as the Bible, Spectator, and Agatha Christie. Full of fascinating facts, this dictionary is ideal for anyone with an interest in the origins of words and phrases.--Arrangement of words alphabetically by key word means easy browsing--Focuses on British English, but also covers US English and other variants, e.g. cut to the chase and make a Virginia fence.--Histories of well-known idioms are provided

A Dictionary of Confusable Phrases-Yuri Dolgoplov 2016-02-01 Covering over 10,000 idioms and collocations characterized by similarity in their wording or metaphorical idea which do not show corresponding similarity in their meanings, this dictionary presents a unique cross-section of the English language. Though it is designed specifically to assist readers in avoiding the use of inappropriate or erroneous phrases, the book can also be used as a regular phraseological dictionary providing definitions to individual idioms, clichés, and set expressions. Most phrases included in the dictionary are in active current use, making information about their meanings and usage essential to language learners at all levels of proficiency.

1000 English Idioms and Phrases-Muhammad Nabeel 2017-09-13 Enhance your speaking skills and listening comprehension by learning English idiomatic expressions Welcome to another new exciting book of Coach Shane's English expression series. In this book, you would find 1000 English idioms and phrases with practical examples, dialogues/conversations and explanations. In this version, I made many changes compare to previous version. Because, I rearranged all English idiomatic expressions in alphabetically order, so you can use this book like an American idioms dictionary. Also, you would find some illustrated pictures in some places. In previous edition, I have received some complaints, so that's why, I fixed many things in this edition. I tried to explain the English phrasal verbs and idioms in detail. You would know how to use them effectively. I picked up these common English expressions from sitcoms, movies, news, etc. Having learned these sayings, idioms and phrasal verbs, you would be able to understand movies, sitcoms, and news. I hope this book would be a great book for intermediate and advanced level ESL (English as a second language) peoples.

ABC Etymological Dictionary of Old Chinese-Axel Schuessler 2006-12-31 This is the first genuine etymological dictionary of Old Chinese written in any language. As such, it constitutes a milestone in research on the evolution of the Sinitic language group. Whereas previous studies have emphasized the structure of the Chinese characters, this pathbreaking dictionary places primary emphasis on the sounds and meanings of Sinitic roots. Based on more than three decades of intensive investigation in primary and secondary sources, this completely new dictionary places Old Chinese squarely within the Sino-Tibetan language family (including close consideration of numerous Tibeto-Burman languages), while paying due regard to other language families such as Austroasiatic, Miao-Yao (Hmong-Mien), and Kam-Tai. Designed for use by nonspecialists and specialists alike, the dictionary is highly accessible, being arranged in alphabetical order and possessed of numerous innovative lexicographical features. Each entry offers one or more possible etymologies as well as reconstructed pronunciations and other relevant data. Words that are morphologically related are grouped together into "word families" that attempt to make explicit the derivational or other etymological processes that relate them. The dictionary is preceded by a substantive and significant introduction that outlines the author's views on the linguistic position of Chinese within Asia and details the phonological and morphological properties, to the degree they are known, of the earliest stages of the Chinese language and its ancestor. This introduction, because it both summarizes and synthesizes earlier work and makes several original contributions, functions as a useful reference work all on its own.

Thousand Pieces of Gold-Ruthanne Lum McCunn 2015-07-21 Lalu Nathoy's father called his thirteen-year-old daughter his treasure, his "thousand pieces of gold," yet when famine strikes northern China in 1871, he is forced to sell her. Polly, as Lalu is later called, is sold to a brothel, sold again to a slave merchant bound for America, auctioned to a saloonkeeper, and offered as a prize in a poker game. This biographical novel is the extraordinary story of one woman's fight for independence and dignity in the American West.

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