

Asia-related literary texts to support the Australian Curriculum for English

YEAR 2

Sorted by Title

Title	Author	Text type	Setting	Further information
Fang Fang's Chinese New Year	Sally Rippin	Picture book	China	Fang Fang's friend Lisa enjoys Chinese New Year celebrations tasting the different foods and watching the Dragon Dance. The author and illustrator was born in Darwin, raised in South East Asia and has studied Chinese painting.
Old Magic	Allan Baille & Di Wu	Picture book	Australia, Asia	Inter-generational story where an elderly man endeavours to revive his cultural magic in a modern suburb. Listed for the Premier's Reading Challenge 2008 (NSW, SA, Vic)
Samsara Dog	Helen Manos & Julie Vivas	Picture book	Buddhism	This book follows a dog through several reincarnations and is based on Buddhist concepts and beliefs. Student activities are at http://www.natla.com.au/Samsara%20Dog.pdf
The Seven Chinese Brothers	Margaret Mahy & Jean Tseng & Mou-Sien Tseng (illustrator)	Picture book	China	This picture book is a traditional Han tale of seven brothers and their gifts.
Tyger, Tyger	Elizabeth Stanley	Picture book	Thailand	This book is set in a Buddhist monastery in Thailand where monks look after tigers.
Wang Wang and Funi	Phil Cummings	Picture book	China, Australia	This funny and endearing book was released in conjunction with the arrival of Adelaide Zoo's pandas.

