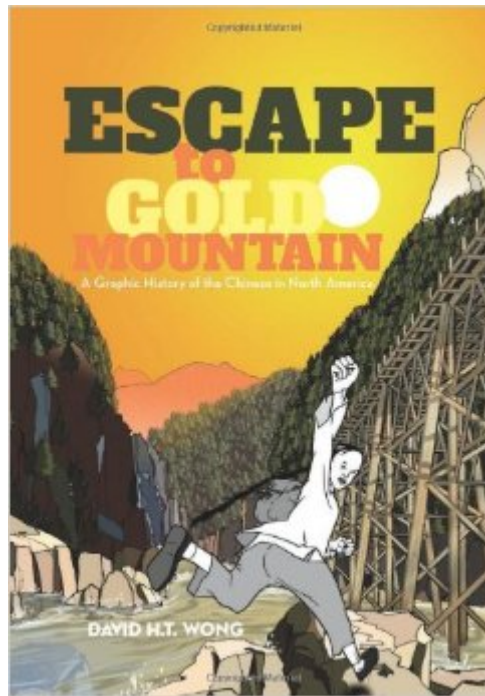


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# Escape To Gold Mountain: A Graphic History Of The Chinese In North America



## Synopsis

This is a vivid graphic history of the Chinese experience in North America over the last 150 years, beginning with the immigration of Chinese to "Gold Mountain" (the Chinese colloquialism for North America) in the 1800s that resulted in decades of discrimination, subjugation, and separation from loved ones. Based on historical documents and interviews with elders, the book is also the epic story of the Wong family as they traverse these challenges with hope and determination, creating an immigrant's legacy in their new home of North America. David H.T. Wong is an architect and historian.

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Escape to Gold Mountain : A Graphic History of the Chinese in North America by David H.T. Wong is a graphic novel telling the story of the Chinese immigration to the United States and Canada. Mr. Wong is an Asian Canadian activist and an architect in Vancouver. The graphic novel is laden with dishonor and misery as is the history of Chinese immigration to North America. The Chinese encountered lynchings, subjugation racial, cultural and legal discrimination from both countries. I do remember learning in school (but mainly on my own) about Chinese railroad workers in the United States. I did

not realize how badly they were treated after they finished working and that the same thing happened in Canada. The graphic novel shows very clearly how badly these workers were mistreated as well as their ancestors who stuck around either unable or unwilling to go back to China. This graphic novel is an excellent introduction to the complex issue of Chinese immigration and is told from the Chinese point of view. The graphic novels covers the individual head tax (up to \$500, a price of a house) to enter America as well as the 1882 Chinese Exclusion Act that basically eliminated Chinese immigration as well as other legislation, lynchings and atrocities. The story follows the Wong family through the generations and how strong family bonds helped survive economic hardships, discrimination and rough times all around. The author used his personal resources, interviews as well as family stories to tell his tale. The artwork is simple but effective enough to convey the information presented and move the story along.

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