

To the Reader

What did it mean to be a daughter in imperial China? How did extraterritoriality affect China's ability to cope with foreigners in the nineteenth century? What was at stake as the Communists and the Guomindang (Nationalists) fought a civil war to win the allegiance of China's people? This innovative textbook uses role-playing, simulations, debates, primary documents, first-person accounts, excerpts from literary works, and cooperative learning activities to explore these and other key aspects of China's history and culture. A glossary lists important words used throughout the text.

A **compact disc** entitled *China: Understanding Its Past, Musical Selections* is also available. It contains Chinese songs of different periods and locales. Liner notes include English translations of lyrics and other information about each selection.