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Lessons for Chinese Character a Day are based on Adeline's Chinese history book, *China, Land of Dragons and Emperors*. You can download this book for free just by subscribing at ChineseCharacteraDay.com.

Chinese Character a Day is a result of Adeline Yen Mah's desire to teach Chinese for free to anyone who wants to learn the language. The lessons are based on her book, *China, Land of Dragons and Emperors*, which is a free download from her website. Students will be able to type Chinese characters on their home computers after the first lesson. From then on, Adeline will teach the language by making it come to life: she will teach students how to recognize, type, pronounce, and write Chinese characters.



Adeline Yen Mah was born in Tianjin, China. She lived in Shanghai as a child and moved to Hong Kong at age eleven. At fourteen, she won a writing competition, which convinced her father to send her to study in England. She attended London Hospital Medical School, graduated as a physician and established a thriving medical practice in California. She worked as an anesthesiologist at West Anaheim Community Hospital and became chief of anesthesia.

Her first book, *Falling Leaves*, was published in 1997. It made the New York Times Bestseller list and sold over a million copies worldwide, being translated into twenty-two languages. After the publication of *Falling Leaves*, Adeline gave up medicine to write full-time. *Chinese Cinderella* is her autobiography written for children and also sold over one million copies worldwide. Adeline has written five other books: a book of Chinese philosophy, a book of proverbs, and three children's books.

Imagine your computer as your very own Aladdin's lamp. With it you have the power to write in Chinese after just one lesson with the use of pin yin. With pin yin, students learn the sound of a Chinese word (pronounced in the Mandarin dialect) before they type (input) that character on the keyboard of their computer.

You will be able to speak and recognize words by listening to sound recordings and reviewing explanations of each word in our vocabulary section. There is an option to view the stroke sequence of each character, and soon you will be able to produce them yourself. Since every Chinese word is a picture, writing Chinese is like reproducing images of different pictures.

Subscribers to ChineseCharacterADay.com can download a copy of Adeline's Chinese history book at no cost. Her language lessons are based on true historical stories told in this book. You will learn China's language, history, and culture in one fell swoop.

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