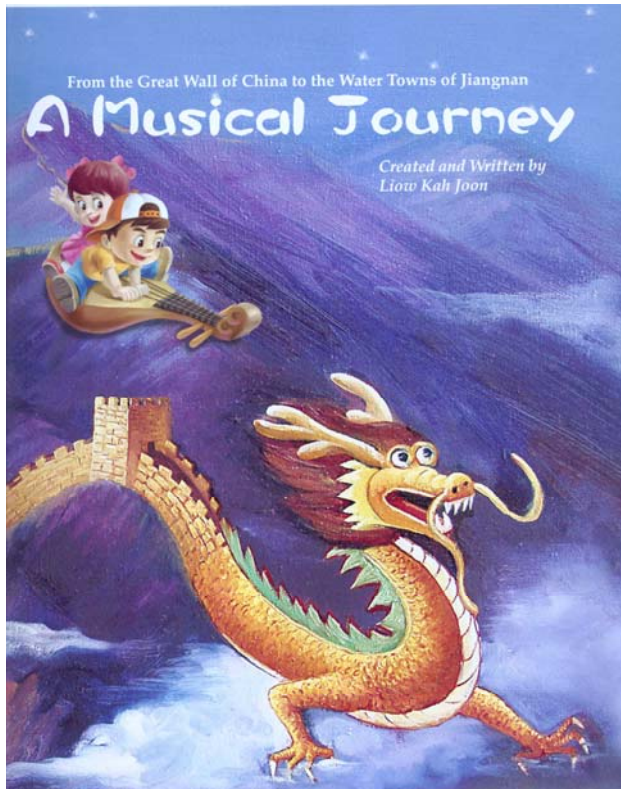




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***A Musical Journey  
Takes you on a whirlwind adventure  
Across 12 regions of China***

"The book includes a CD with 12 lively and delightful musical selections representing each of the highlighted regions." – ***School Library Journal***



**A Musical Journey** allows kids and grownups to understand China's multicultural land, people and way of life. It brings together fun facts, vibrant illustrations and refreshing music to provide an enjoyable and educational experience for the whole family.

"Qin Shi Huang, the First Emperor of China, is credited with kicking off this massive project 2,200 years ago. By connecting old sections with newly built ones, the Qin Dynasty erected 4,800km of wall in 10 years –more than one km a day!" (**From Chapter 1: Great Wall of China – Connecting East and West**)

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"This book has **great colorful pictures for kids** and is **written in a way that kids will find it interesting**. It's hard to cram so many years of Chinese history into a short children's book but the author **has done a good job of hitting the interesting high points**. The accompanying CD has some **wonderful original compositions**. This is a welcome addition to the library of children's books on China."

***Kristian Ball, Families of the China Moon (FCM), Richmond, VA***



"A *Musical Journey* guides readers through the regions of China in an **artistic, informative, and fun way**. Each region is described in prose and through a beautiful painting, a song, and an illustration of a child wearing the local folk costume." **Leigh Ann Johnson, University Book Store, Seattle, WA**

***A wealth of detail in the text, illustrations, and music provide an all round experience***

Come along with Ming and Kim on a musical journey as they fly along the Great Wall of China on a magic Pipa (a Chinese string instrument).

- At each location, Ming and Kim dress up in the costumes of **minority tribes**. Through **computer 3D**, the **beautiful embroidered motifs** are rendered in full detail.
- **Soft and lush oil paintings** depict each region in a realistic manner and are **comfortable on the reader's eyes**.
- A **hand drawn picture map** allows the reader to **see the location of each landmark in the book**.
- The **main instrument** used in each musical track is **drawn**. The reader not only knows what the instrument **sounds like** but also what it **looks like**.
- **Fun facts** sprinkled throughout the book make for an **entertaining read**.



Yunnan



Boy of Yi tribe



Girl of Uyghur tribe



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