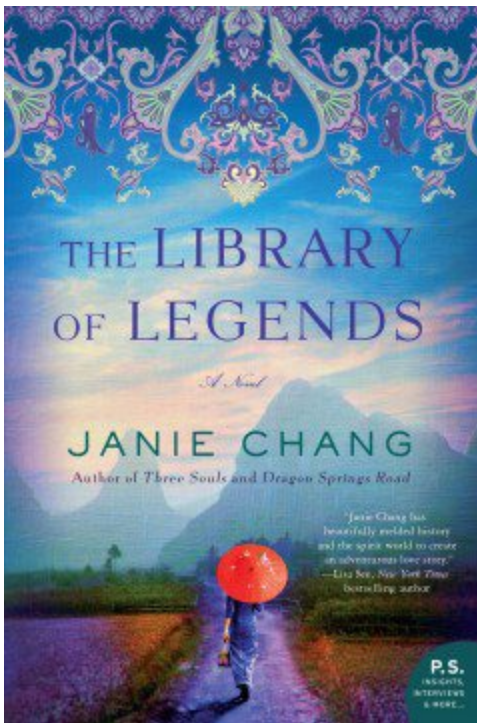




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The Library of Legends by Janie Chang

An exploration of the effects of the Second Sino-Japanese War on students produces a spellbinding tale. In 1937, after the Japanese bomb Nanking, students at Minghua University flee to an interim campus in Chengtu. Part of the student group is entrusted with Minghua's sacred 147 encyclopedia volumes from the Ming dynasty, known as the Library of Legends. Hu Lian, 19 years of age, had enrolled at the University to study the volumes, and she wants to continue her research on Willow Star, a legend about an immortal princess. Lian's travels through dangerous territory and with several missions is the backbone of the novel. Chang expertly weaves together mysticism and historical details, and sets up a cast of memorable characters.

Born in Taiwan, Janie Chang has lived in the Philippines, Iran, Thailand, New Zealand and Canada. She writes historical fiction with a personal connection, drawing from family history and ancestral stories. Chang has a degree in computer science and is a graduate of the Writer's Studio Program at Simon Fraser University. She is the author of Three Souls and Dragon Springs Road.