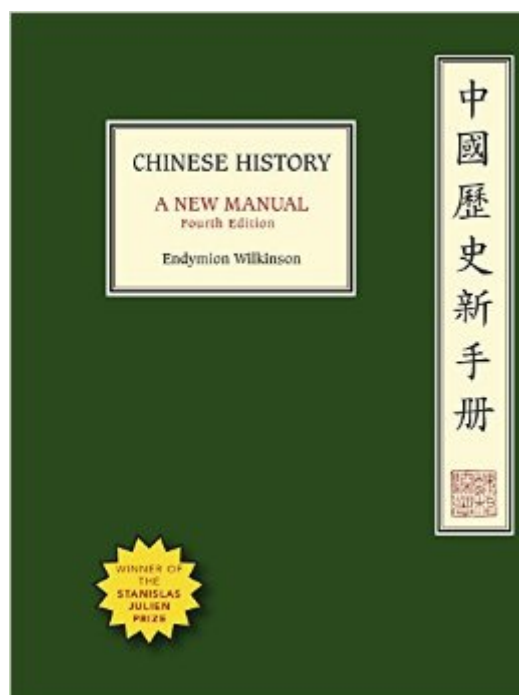


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This is an immensely useful reference for Sinologists and for anyone who has to deal with Chinese texts, history, culture, etc., even if only sporadically. It's most certainly worth having in your personal library, as it's quite affordable, especially in the light of the Gargantuan size of its most recent incarnation.

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