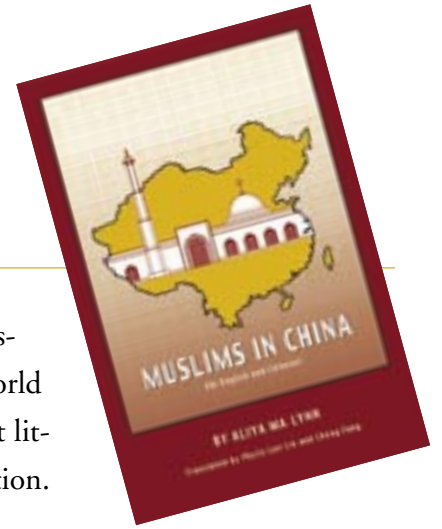




Muslims in China

By Aliya Ma Lynn

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(in English and Chinese)



“How awkward I feel when people ask, ‘Are there Muslims in China?’ There is so much to tell and let the world know about Muslims in China, but there is such scant literature, in English especially, to transmit the information.

“I am a Chinese Muslim, I grew up in a Muslim family, and I married a Muslim scholar. I made a special trip to China in 2000 and toured four northwestern provinces. My scholarly friends offered me books, magazines, and journals to quench my thirst for information. They helped me present a more complete picture of Muslims in China in both the past and the present.” —Aliya Ma Lynn

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