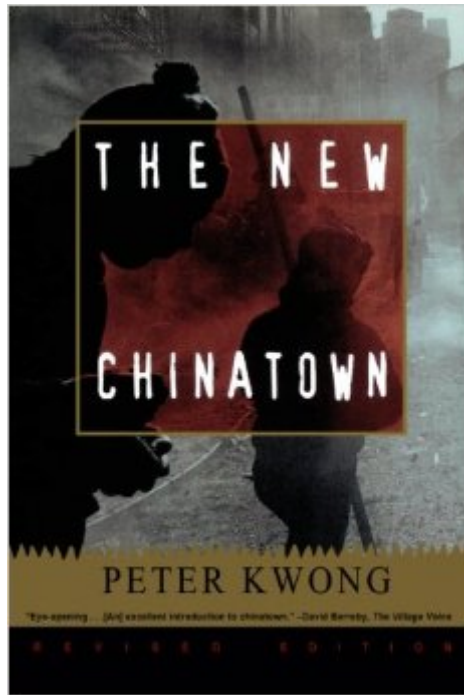


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# The New Chinatown



## Synopsis

Newspapers today are filled with stories of corruption and strife in America's Chinatowns, reversing the popular view of Chinese Americans as a model minority of law-abiding, hard-working people whose diligent children end up in high-tech jobs. In *The New Chinatown*, Peter Kwong goes beyond the headlines in a compelling and detailed account of the political and cultural isolation of Chinese-American communities. This new edition offers a revised and updated text as well as a new chapter on Chinatown in the 1990s.

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Sometimes Reality is more entertaining than the movies. Peter Kwong introduces us to a Chinatown seldom seen by outsiders. His portrayal of Chinatown's underworld hold over politics and his understandings of the ethnic enclave are both accurate and revealing. This is a MUST READ for anyone interested in learning about the happenings inside the Chinatowns of New York City and other cities all across America. Along with William Lee's *Chinese Playground*, this book gives us the big picture in the understanding of the workings in today's urban communities.

I assigned this book to my Asian-American Studies class prior to having read it myself, on the strength of colleagues' recommendations. This book is a rare combination -- an eye-popping page turner that is also informative, ethically responsible non-fiction. I couldn't put the book down until I had finished it. I felt as though I had met a wise insider who decided to spill secrets for the long-term

good of the community. Mr. Kwong's analysis is clear and compelling. I can't say enough good things about this book.

I really did appreciate reading this book. It was an eyeopener to what really may be occurring behind the scenes in Chinatowns across the nation. The book also covers what it is really like to be a Chinese immigrant. Recommended reading.

i like the not so new Chinatown more but the old chinatown wasn't the best either. chinatown will always be chinatown regardless of where it is.

Love Peter Kwong's book. Very accurate and easy to follow!

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