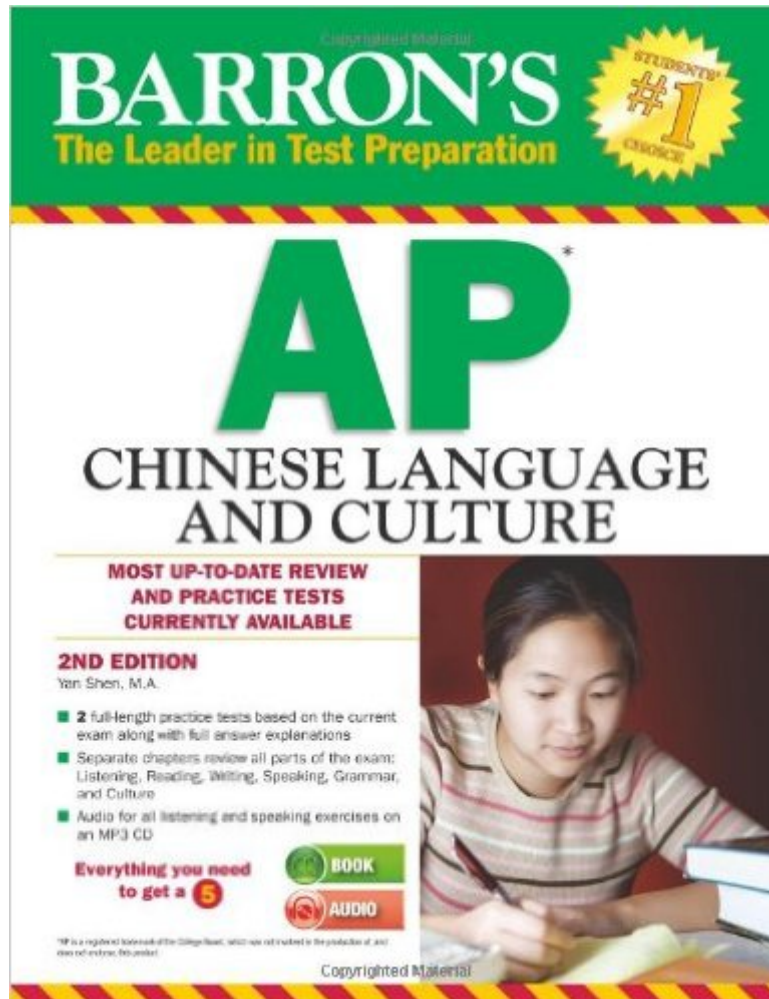


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CHINESE... which is fairly difficult to read, even for me, a native speaker of the language. They do have English translations, but the point of studying is for you to be able to learn and recognize specific words and what they mean. There's something called pinyin (which spells out chinese words with english letters) that really helps, but this book doesn't include pinyin at all. Also, this book includes both traditional and simplified versions for the Chinese passages (for Chinese characters, the traditional way of writing them became outdated, so they created a new "simplified" version of writing the characters that was derived from traditional) But don't pay the traditional version any attention if you want to spend your time wisely. The whole AP exam is in simplified.

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