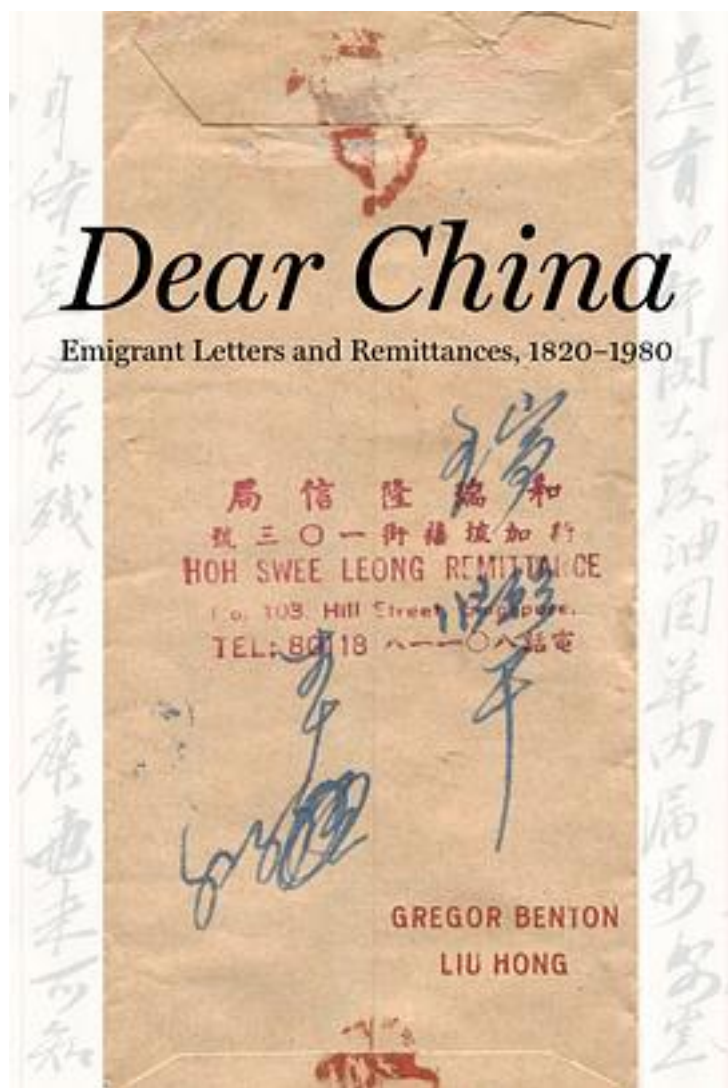


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Qiaopi is one of several names given to the "silver letters" Chinese emigrants sent home in the nineteenth and twentieth centuries. These letters-cum-remittances document the changing history of the Chinese diaspora in different parts of the world and in different times.

Dear China is the first book-length study in English of qiaopi and of the origins, structure, and operations of the qiaopi trade. The authors explore the characteristics and transformations of qiaopi, showing how such institutionalized and cross-national mechanisms both helped sustain families separated by distance and state frontiers and contributed to the sending regions' economic development. Dear China contributes substantially to our understanding of modern Chinese history and to the comparative study of global migration.

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评论

作者认为海外输入的侨批对中国近代经济的影响被低估了，本书研究算是给后者补充了一个除北京和长三角以外的视野。书里也试图探究华侨在海外的经验对经济模式的影响，而在这个侨批信任与物联中，文化和传统终究是压过对技术和经济考量，算是观察近代中国经社发展的一个有效观察范例。但论观感和写作就像是我的硕士论文的高配版，就是虽然不是东一枪西一枪但还是有点散，提出了一些有意思的看法但是又不够深入。另外就是内容也也没有回应标题那种故事感。

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