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# TWO SONS OF CHINA

2015 Independent Publisher Book Award – Gold Medal Winner – Military Fiction  
2014 Foreword Reviews' Book of the Year Award – Winner – Military Fiction  
2014 Chinese American Librarians Association Best Book Award – Winner  
2014 New England Book Festival – Honorable Mention  
2014 London Book Festival – Honorable Mention

**LOGLINE:** An epic story of America's forgotten war in China

**TARGET CAST:** Li Xiaolu, Chow Yun Fat, Michael Fassbender, Scarlett Johansson (or equivalent)

**TARGET DIRECTOR:** Joe Wright (ATONEMENT), Edward Zwick (ENIGMA), Robert Zemeckis (ALLIED)

**LANGUAGE:** Chinese and English

**STATUS:** Seeking China producing partners to option the novel and script development funds

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**AUTHOR:** Dr. Andrew Lam

**MATERIALS AVAILABLE:** English Novel, Synopsis

**RIGHTS AVAILABLE:** Worldwide

**TYPE OF PRODUCTION:** Live-action

**BUDGET:** US\$30-40 MN (Approximate)

**PRODUCER COMMENTS:**

It's a wonderfully appropriate time to tell the world this epic story of cooperation between the US and China in a time of the worst of all wars. It's a love story based on historically true events that's never been seen on the big screen. The 'Old China Hands' were American Mandarin Chinese speakers, typically the children of missionaries, who knew China intimately. The Pentagon sent them to discuss with Mao Zedong his strategy to defeat the Japanese. It was a rare moment in time when these young, progressive, highly-educated military strategists briefly *sided with the revolution* because the alternative Nationalists were considered corrupt and inept. President Xi is widely known to be a WWII film buff -- because the Americans were fighting the sworn enemy of the Chinese people -- so this is *the* project he'll love. Seeking to option the rights to the book and development funds for a Hollywood professional to write the screenplay.

“Two Sons of China is a dramatic, action-packed novel based on the little-known Dixie Mission of 1944, when a group of US soldiers, mostly sons of missionaries who had grown up in China and were fluent in Mandarin, were dispatched to seek out Mao Zedong's secret stronghold in the northern area of Yan'an and investigate reports that Mao's guerilla troops were effectively battling the Japanese.”

-- Chris Davis, New York Journal

**PARTIAL SYNOPSIS:**

China 1944: In a country crippled by Japanese invaders and polarized between Nationalists and Communists, Lieutenant David Parker's penchant for action leaves him frustrated in isolated Chungking. The war is stagnant. Chiang Kai-shek's government is corrupt and unwilling to fight. Only his pursuit of Katherine Payne—a beautiful and elusive British journalist—alleviates the tedium of his days spent behind a desk.

So when Parker hears of the Dixie Mission—a group of Americans venturing north to the Communist stronghold of Yen-an—he is desperate to join them. Rumors have spread that the Communists are fighting the Japanese with heroic zeal.

Lin Yuen is a reclusive and skilled guerilla leader. He can scarcely hide his annoyance when an American, Lieutenant Parker, is assigned to join his next dangerous mission behind enemy lines. Both men have deeply held, clashing convictions, but the battles they fight, the horrors they witness, and the brotherhood they forge ultimately transform them both.

Then, as the end of World War II forces America to take sides in an impending Nationalist-Communist civil war, David and Yuen find their loyalties tested. Together, they must confront a final trial—one that imperils the honor they cherish and the people they love.

Inspired by the real-life story of America's Dixie Mission to Mao's Chinese Communists, *Two Sons of China* is a richly detailed historical saga from a forgotten theater of World War II—a tale of passion and betrayal that reveals the strength of two warriors' unbreakable friendship, and the powerful forces that threaten to tear them apart.

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