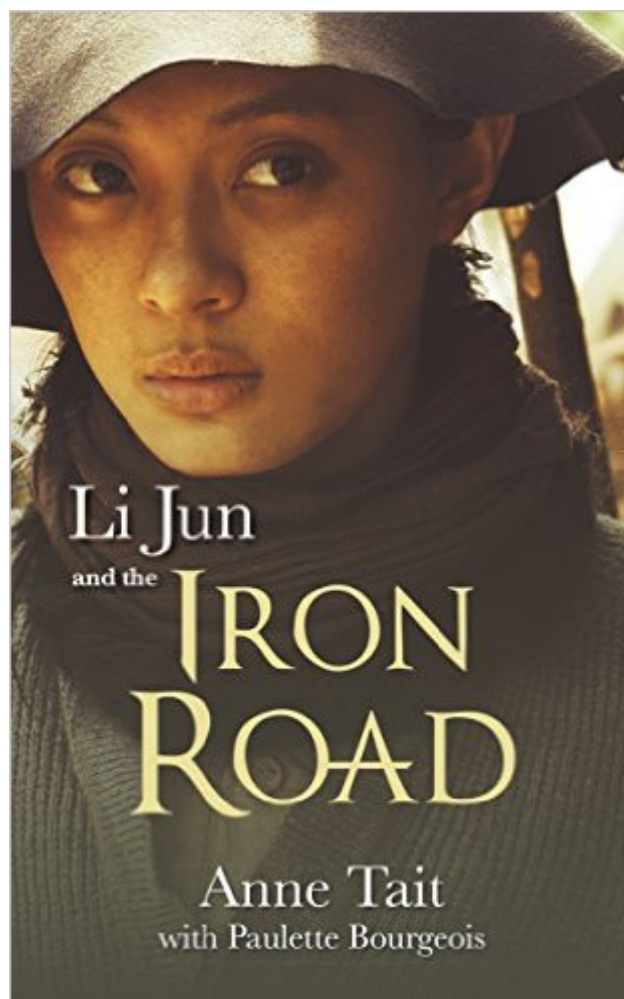


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# Li Jun And The Iron Road



## Synopsis

CCBC's Best Books for Kids & Teens (Spring 2016) • Commended From the award-winning movie comes a story of courage and forbidden love. It's 1882 in southern China. Li Jun, a feisty homeless girl disguised as a boy called Little Tiger, works in a fireworks factory and yearns to sail across the ocean to the mysterious Gold Mountain in faraway British Columbia to find her long-lost father and fulfill her promise to her dying mother. She joins thousands of Chinese men blasting a path for the new railway through the impassable Rocky Mountains. There she faces danger, deceit, and prejudice at every turn. Then, defying all the rules, she falls in love with James, the son of the railway tycoon. Should she reveal her true identity to him? Coming from such different worlds, could they make a life together?

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## Customer Reviews

When Li Jun is orphaned, she leaves the family who she is indentured to and disguises herself as a boy. She finds work in a fireworks factory and learns how to use the black powder. After seeing posters recruiting Chinese to work on American Railroads, she talks the owners son into taking her on board. Once she arrives in America, the Gold Mountain, she is quickly disappointed by the way Chinese are treated and the poor working conditions. This was a quick fast read. Li Jun's story was fascinating. It was interesting watching her relationship with James progress, especially once he found out she was disguised as a boy. I wish the book had an epilogue, but otherwise, no

complaints. Overall, well worth picking up.

I loved the view into the Chinese and Canadian settings during the 1880s. This is a period in history that I've been really curious about, so I enjoyed a chance to read about it, even in a fictional setting. Li Jun is a clever, brave heroine who I found it very easy to root for. She's focused on her goals, but she clearly cares for the people around her. Though there's some romance, it doesn't overtake the story. Li Jun's quest to find her father who had disappeared after becoming a railroad worker kept me guessing all the way until the end. Note: I received a free copy of this book in exchange for my honest review.

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