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# The House Of Sixty Fathers





## Synopsis

THE HOUSE OF SIXTY FATHERSTien Pao is all alone in enemy territoy. Only a few days before, his family had escaped from the Japanese army, fleeing downriver by boat. Then came the terrible rainstorm. Tien Pao was fast asleep in the little sampan when the boat broke loose from its moorings and drifted right back to the Japanese soldiers. With only his lucky pig for company, Tien Pao must begin a long and dangerous journey in search of his home and family.â ^A vividly realistic story of China during the early days of the Japanese invasion [which tells of young Tien Paoâ ™s journey to find his family].â ™ â "C.â ^Valuable as enrichment literature for elementary students involved in Chinese studies.â ™ â "Scholastic Teacher.

### **Book Information**

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#### **Customer Reviews**

I read this book as a child and, in turn, read it to my children. It has a permanent place in our hearts. It is the well written story of a young Chinese boy and his beloved pig, "Glory of the Republic", who get separated from his family and caught behind Japanese lines when Japan invaded China in the late 1930's. It has some very scary moments. It also has tragedy. I think your child should be about 5th or 6th grade to be able to fully appreciate it. But the book will open your eyes as to what it might be like as a child to be caught in a war. The boy does get reunited with his family, but have your kleenex handy. As a parent you will definitely need it at the end.

Boys can be picky readers, so I always take notes if they actually love a book. My 8 year old carried this book everywhere and told be about it every night for a week. Besides Redwall or Harry Potter,

this is the first book he has raved about.

My teacher read this book to our class when I was about 8 and I remember it was the only book where the whole class was silent and listened to every word! I have been trying to track this book down for the last few years as I could not remember the exact title (I thought it was 50 fathers!). Now I have found it at last I will look forward to reading it to my own children. Thanks to Mrs Mason, my class teacher at Christchurch Infants' School, Christchurch, Dorset for introducing it to me. It is a wonderful book, the story of which has stuck in my mind for many years since!

This was a perfect tie in with our world history study (homeschool) and had lots of details that tied in with what we covered in our text book. My kids could relate to the concept of his pet pig, which made it even more enjoyable.

I read this book aloud to my sixth grade reading class. They loved it, and always wanted to hear more. Its also a great way to introduce students to some of the history of China, Japan and US involvement in the war there.

This seller got the book to me in great time. I usually keep a copy with me wherever I move to read to my current class of students, but found myself without one. I needed a good, quick copy. Thanks for the speedy delivery!

This children's book is fantastic. It gives the kids a real dose of reality and truth about life, but in a measure appropriate to their age (mine are 6 and 9). It sparked among us a great discussion about family, war, right and wrong, and how fortunate we are to live in America. My mother read this book to my brothers and me when I was a child, and it is just as good 35 years later reading it to my kids as it was then. Highly recommended.

We read this aloud for my daughters' book club. What an unexpected, wonderful story! We enjoyed it so much that when it was over, my daughters asked for more by this author.

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