

# THE HANMOJI HANDBOOK

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Learn Chinese with a new twist! This full-color illustrated handbook introduces and explains Han characters and idioms through the language of emoji.

Even though their dates of origin are millennia apart, the languages of Chinese and emoji share similarities that the average smartphone user might find surprising. These “hanmoji” parallels offer an exciting new way to learn Chinese—and a fascinating window into the evolution of Chinese Han characters. Packed with fun illustrations and engaging descriptions, *The Hanmoji Handbook* brings to life the ongoing dialogue between the visual elements of Chinese characters and the language of emoji. At once entertaining and educational, this unique volume holds sure appeal for readers who use emoji, anyone interested in learning Chinese, and those who love quirky, visual gift books.

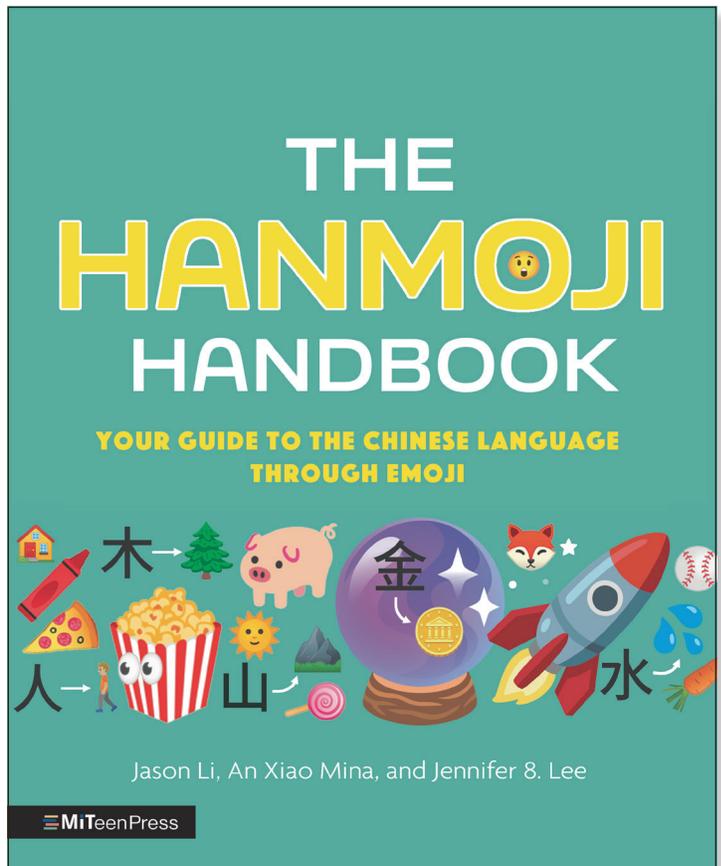
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**Introducing Your Favorite Neighbors, the Hanmojis!**

宀 mián  
人 rén  
女 nǚ  
男 nán  
子 zǐ  
猪猪 zhū zhū

Mommy, I want a pet pig!

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**Cast of Characters**

This radical is never used alone, but the pronunciation is still useful to know as a way to reference the radical.

宀 mián radical: min4 roof

人 rén person, people, human jan4

女 nǚ woman, girl, female neoi5

男 nán man, boy, male naam4

子 zǐ child zi2

猪猪 zhū pig zyu1

Think of this character as a woman sitting and crossing her legs.

radical form of "pig": 豕 zhū/zyu1

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Hold on. What is a hanmoji again?

**Hanmoji**  
noun

1. a way of writing Chinese characters and radicals using emoji
2. a handy way to learn Chinese characters

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