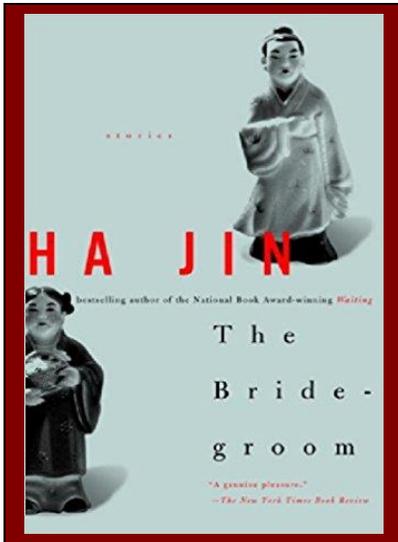


**NATIONAL CONSORTIUM FOR TEACHING ABOUT ASIA
AT THE PROGRAM FOR TEACHING EAST ASIA**

FALL 2018 ONLINE BOOK GROUP NOW REGISTERING

***Contemporary China in Short Stories*
The Bridegroom: Stories, by Ha Jin
September 24-November 2, 2018**



A Professional Development Course for High School Teachers

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The National Consortium for Teaching about Asia (NCTA) at the Program for Teaching East Asia, University of Colorado Boulder, invites applications for this fall 2018 online book group.

Overview: Ha Jin, winner of the National Book Award, offers a collection of comical and moving tales of China at the turn of the 21st century. In the title story, the head of security at a factory is shocked when a handsome worker proposes marriage to his “plain” adopted daughter. In “After Cowboy Chicken Came to Town,” the workers at an American-style fast food franchise receive a hilarious crash course in marketing, deep frying, and customer service. Join Chinese literature specialist Lynn Kalinauskas for an exploration of the most classroom-applicable stories in this diverse collection.

Online Format: The book group will be conducted entirely through four asynchronous online modules. Participants are responsible for buying *The Bridegroom: Stories*, by Ha Jin (available in second-hand paperback and Kindle editions on Amazon) in advance of the book group start date. Any additional readings will be provided on the course site. Participants may take part in discussion only or choose to complete the book group with full participation for full benefits: a certificate of 16 contact hours and a materials stipend award. Teachers who wish to receive full benefits must participate completely in all four module discussions and submit an evaluation and a three- to four-page Classroom Implementation Plan (CIP) describing ways to use the book in their teaching.

Eligibility and Selection: Open to high school literature, social studies, and Chinese language teachers. Admission is selective, with priority given to grade 9-12 contract teachers whose required curriculum in one of these subject areas includes late 20th- and early 21st-century China and who are not enrolling in another Fall 2018 NCTA course through TEA.

Book Group Dates: The course begins with online introductions Sept. 24-Oct. 5, with four one-week modules, Oct. 6-12; Oct. 13-19; Oct. 20-26; Oct. 27-Nov. 2. Curriculum Implementation Plans are due Nov 30, 2018, for those participants wishing to receive a certificate of contact hours and a completion award.

Participation is free, with the following benefits for full participation, as outlined above:

- Certificate of Completion for 15 contact hours;
- \$50 Amazon gift card as completion stipend.

Apply online at <http://www.colorado.edu/ptea/Bridegroom>. Course is limited to 20 eligible teachers and closes September 19, 2018, or when the course is full. For more information, e-mail lynn.parisi@colorado.edu or lynn.kalinauskas@nctasia.org.