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The story of one of China's greatest heroes told in graphic novel format.
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[j WILKINSON]  
In China, during the Han dynasty, an orphan slave girl becomes a Dragon Keeper when she heroically comes to the aid of an aging dragon and both go on a dangerous journey across China to protect a mysterious stone vital to the dragon's legacy.  
Sequels: [Garden of the purple dragon](#), [Dragon moon](#).

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Emmajin, the sixteen-year-old eldest granddaughter of Khublai Khan, becomes a warrior and falls in love with explorer Marco Polo in thirteenth-century China.

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\*Picture books

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