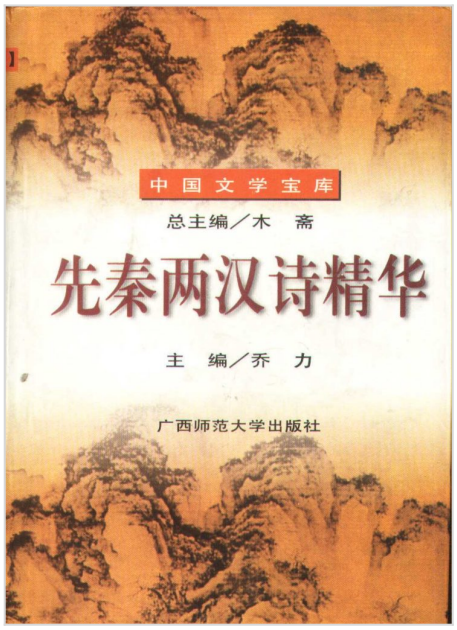
China Reference Works



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Key Stats

- **Archive:** 1965-present
- **Language:** Chinese with English interface
- **Country:** China
- **Number of Titles:** nearly 15,000
- **Frequency:** Daily updates
- **Format:** Full text, PDF or HTML
- **Producer:** Tongfang Knowledge Network Ltd.
- **Platform:** CNKI (TKN)

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Content

CRWO includes nearly 15,000 volumes of reference books going back to 1965.

- Over 22 million entries and over 4 million graphics
- Collected from over 500 renowned Chinese publishers
- Covers various types of reference works, including dictionaries, handbooks, encyclopedias, chronicles, manuals, etc.
- Includes 37 special-subject databases, highlighting Chinese culture, ethnic customs, and the development of various industries and disciplines in China

Features and Functions

- **Large and comprehensive:** The largest, continuously updated Chinese reference works online database. Covers nearly all classic and authoritative reference works in the current market. In-depth indexing and classification make for a powerful, convenient reference tool.
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