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Women and Gender in Chinese Martial Arts Films of the New Millennium, by Ya-chen Chen, examines underexposed gender issues in more recent films, focusing on the contradictory feminism in the film narratives. Through the lens of Chinese martial arts films, Chen delves into ""Chinese cinematic martial arts feminism,"" highlighting the glass ceiling which marks the maximal exercise of feminism which the patriarchal order is willing to accept.