

## DRAGONFLY DREAMS HISTORICAL TIMELINE

- 1842 First Opium War. Britain defeats China, gains treaty ports, called “concessions,” in key coastal cities in China
- 1858 Second Opium War. European nations gain greater control of territories in China
- 1895 First Sino-Japanese War. Power in Asia shifts to Japan. Japan occupies Korea in 1910
- 1900 Boxer Rebellion. Britain, France, Russia, Japan, Germany, Italy, Austria and the US, put down an anti-foreign rebellion in China, forcing China to pay indemnity.
- 1908 Indemnity Scholars. US returned the remainder of the Boxer indemnity payments (\$17 million) as scholarships for Chinese students to study in the US.
- 1937 Second Sino-Japanese War. Japan takes control of Chinese cities, except for the concessions under European control.\*
- 1939 Germany invades Poland.  
Britain and France declare war on Germany.
- 1940 Tripartite Pact between the Axis Powers: Germany, Italy and Japan
- 1941 Japan attacks Pearl Harbor, takes control of European concessions in China.  
US declares war on Japan.  
Nazi Germany declares war on US.
- 1942 Nazis deported Jews to concentration camps.  
Japan deported Westerners in China to internment camps.
- 1945 Germany surrenders May 1945.  
US burns Tokyo, drops atomic bomb on Hiroshima and Nagasaki.  
Japan surrenders August 1945.\*\*

\* When Japan occupied China in 1937, Japanese troops did not move into these European-controlled concessions, waiting until after the start of war in Europe and the bombing of Pearl Harbor. After December 1941, the Europeans remaining in those territories were forced to register and were sent to internment camps until the end of the war.

\*\*The occupation of China by Imperial Japan required enormous numbers of civilians to support the troops. Dr. Mori is a fictional character who represents one of those civilians.