

Grammar Guru

Intern McAllister Jimbo got her start at CW working on our Parents & Kids Magazine and writing dining reviews, but we soon discovered her hidden talent. "Mackie," as her friends call her, is an ace at grammar. After just a few weeks at CW, we hired her on as our copyeditor. So just where did this Cornell study abroad student get her grammar smarts from? "My mom would always correct my grammar when I was growing up. It used to make me angry, but it paid off in the end." So, has her internship offered her anything more than just the opportunity to correct her boss when he confuses *that* and *which*? "I actually love interning here," Mackie tells us as we slowly sign another letter of recommendation for her. "I've gotten to know Beijing on a level I never would have otherwise. And, I've gone to cool events like Green Drinks and restaurant openings." Her one regret? "Thanksgiving is really important in my family, and I'll miss the turkey dinner. But, of course, if I were back in California, I wouldn't be traveling to Hong Kong this Thanksgiving," says Mackie with a smile.

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Book Club

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CW Book Club at the Bookworm
 Posted Sep 19th 2008 4:23p.m. by lilkuo (Book Club) The City Weekend Book Club is back, this time partnering with the Bookworm in two locations. We're meeting the last week of every month at 7:30 pm. Wednesday at the Bookworm Sanlitun and Thursday at the Bookworm Shunyi in the Yin Yang Community Center.
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➔ Check out CW's "Best Food Lists" (www.cityweekend.com.cn/bjfoodlist) for great dining recommendations

➔ Find out about the CW Book Club's next meeting and comment on the book in the Book Club blog channel

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Heartwarming, tasty snacks

Heavenly Delights

Nuren Jie | East Ocean Restaurant

With understated décor and an extensive menu, East Ocean Restaurant remains a favorite among university students. Each plate arrives at the table artfully presented and steaming hot. Dive straight into the more innovative dishes. Our favorites include the fried carrot dumplings (¥15), crisped to perfection and filled with a mixture of savory-sweet vegetables. The durian puffs (¥18) is another must-order dish, celebrating the pungent but strangely delicious flavor of durian. The meal always ends with a complementary fruit plate, highlighting the restaurant's attention to detail.

Find it: 39 Maizidianjie, Nuren Jie 麦子店街39号 Tel: 6508-3482

Ritan | Crystal Jade

With branches throughout Singapore and China, Crystal Jade is not your ordinary chain restaurant. Diners are immediately struck by the modern interior, which features dark wooden booths and a large waterfall behind the bar. This refined restaurant's cuisine caters to a more health-conscious crowd. The steamed shrimp dumplings (¥20) and steamed pork dumplings (¥18) were among the best we tried, bursting with flavor and without a trace of grease. The pan-fried turnip cake (¥18), another standout, was pleasantly chewy and captured the mild flavor of the turnips.

Find it: 404, 4/F, Bldg A, The Place, 9 Guanghua Lu, 光华路9号世贸天阶A座四层404, Tel: 6587-1228

Wangfujing | Lei Garden

This Beijing outpost of a Hong Kong staple has a loyal following that keeps coming back for the classic Cantonese fare. Make sure to come early as many dishes tend to run out. We started with the steamed barbecue pork buns (¥22). The bread was soft and fluffy, complimenting the sweet pork filling. While the rest of the meal was delicious, the real standout was dessert. We would go back to Lei Garden everyday for their baked egg tarts (¥20), by far the best we've ever eaten. The flaky crust melts away in your mouth, revealing the delicately sweet egg custard. We promise it's even better than KFC's.

Find it: 3/F, Jinbao Tower, 89 Jinbao Jie, Wangfujing, Behind The Regent Hotel, 金宝街89号金宝大厦3层丽金酒店东侧, Tel: 8522-1212

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What are your lists?

Everyone loves a steaming good basket of dim sum. Mackie (featured left) went in search of the city's best. Where is your favorite dim sum haunt? Share your list at:

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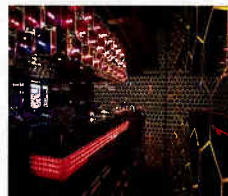
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