

Best of 2008



**Best China book**

*China,  
Portrait of a Country*

Edited by Liu Heung-shing

There's no denying 2008 was the 'Year of China'. With global attention focused on the host of this summer's Olympic Games, a slew of China-related titles hit the shelves. Into this quagmire of quality arrived a Taschen tome immodestly titled: *China, Portrait of a Country*. The difference was, this was a work worthy of its name. Drawing on the works of 88 Chinese photographers, and edited by Pulitzer Prize-winning photojournalist and Hongkonger Liu Heung-shing, the volume takes readers on an awe-inspiring, humbling journey through the visual history of the People's Republic of China, from 1949 to the present. As a record of a nation, it is without parallel; and as a memorial to remember the year that was, you really couldn't do any better.