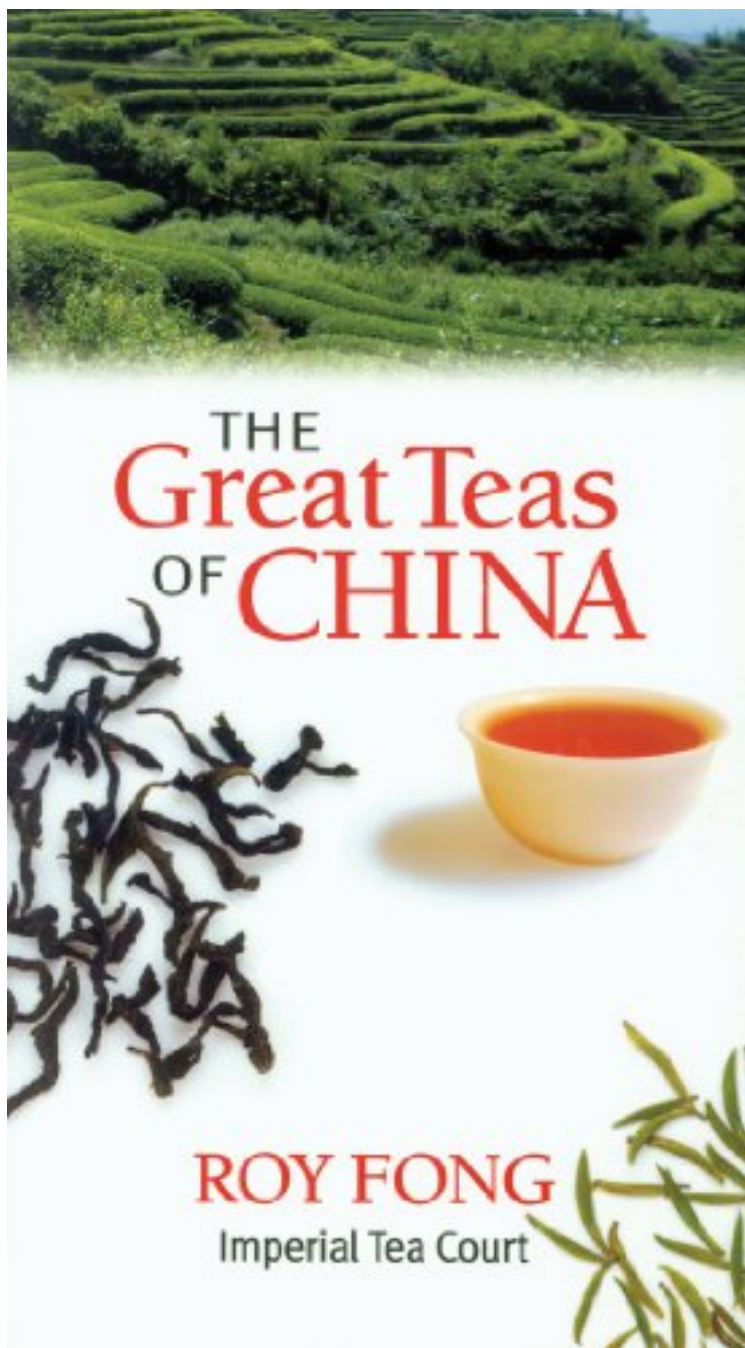


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name and legend that relate to the Buddhist embodiment of compassion, Guan Yin. According to one of the many stories about the origin of this tea, one night, Guan Yin appeared to a farmer in a dream and told him that behind the local Buddhist temple was a treasure to be enjoyed generations if he shared it generously. What he found was a tea plant, and his devotion was rewarded with this uniquely flavored varietal. The word tie (Iron) may refer either to the reddish, oxidized edge of the processed leaf or the dark color of a well-fired leaf. Tie guan yin is known for its thick leaves, full of flavor that mix floral notes with nuttiness and occasionally an exotic peachiness, as well as a lingering, sweet aftertaste.