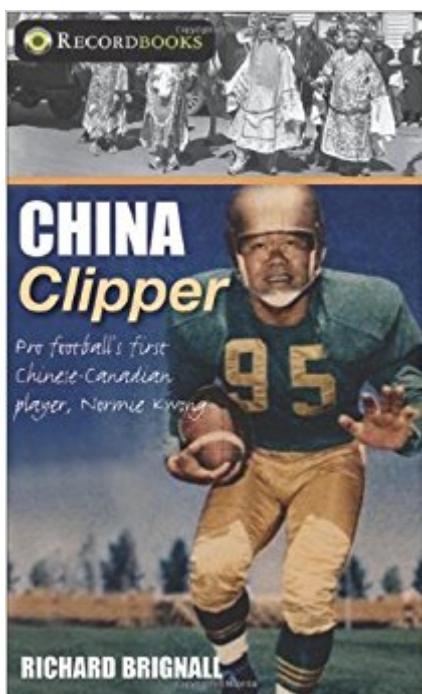


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# China Clipper: Pro Football's First Chinese-Canadian Player, Normie Kwong (Lorimer Recordbooks)



## **Synopsis**

Normie Kwong's parents immigrated to Canada from China in the early 1900s. For them, and many other Asian immigrants, moving meant having to face both the government's anti-Asian policies and society's attitude of Chinese exclusion. But Normie overcame it all and, despite his small stature, in 1948 he became the youngest footballer ever to play in a Grey Cup game. Nicknamed the "China Clipper" as a nod to both his Chinese heritage and his record-setting speed on the football field, Kwong went on to become a hero and popular sports role model for generations of football fans in the West. After retiring from football, Kwong entered politics and was later appointed Lieutenant Governor of Alberta. [Fry Reading Level - 4.9]

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RICHARD BRIGNALL is a sports writer who has written numerous books on superstar athletes,

including George Chuvalo, Lionel Conacher, and Fergie Jenkins.

This is a children's book which I recommend to the 9- to 12-year old sports fan. It is interesting and entertaining. However, the author seems to be deliberately vague from time to time. He once tells a story about the coach of the Winnipeg Blue Bombers without mentioning his name. He discusses an ankle injury which some felt would end Kwong's career without stating whether it was a fracture or something else. And believe it or not, he twice says that one yard equals one meter!!! Although I recommend the book, I should also say that it is quite overpriced. Its price should be no more than \$5.99 tops.

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