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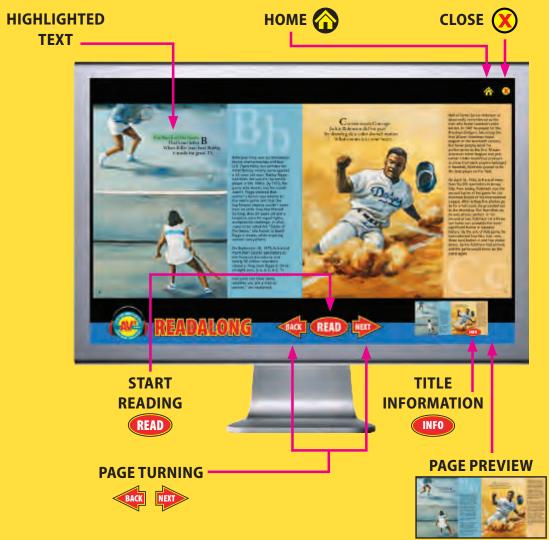
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Chinese acrobats have been performing for more than 2,000 years. They have perfected daring feats as audiences clap and cheer. Rope-walking, juggling with both hands and feet, and the human pagoda (which is standing on each others' shoulders in a triangle) are a few of their amazing acts. Running quickly and then soaring through the air, the acrobats seem light as small birds. Caught by one of the other performers, or landing gracefully, they are ready to take flight again.

The acrobats' physical strength and stamina are astounding. In early days they performed in festivals. Later, Beijing formed a troupe of the most outstanding acrobats from each major city in China. Today, their astonishing skills are known worldwide.

