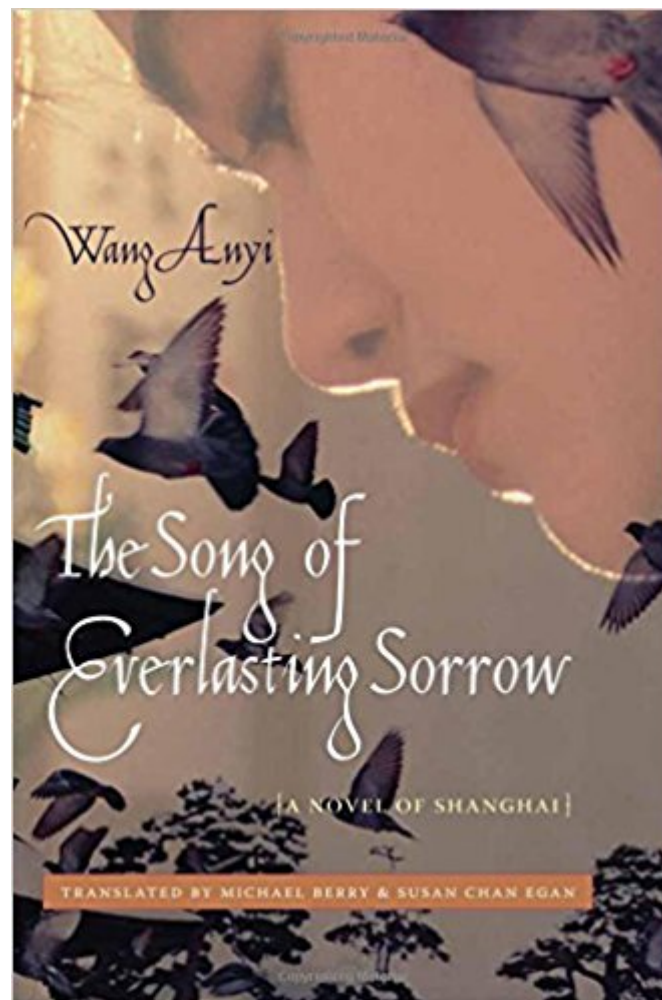




Ebook Directory
the best source of ebook

The book was found

The Song Of Everlasting Sorrow: A Novel Of Shanghai (Weatherhead Books On Asia)



Synopsis

The Song of Everlasting Sorrow follows the adventures of Wang Qiyao, a girl born of the crowded, labyrinthine alleys of Shanghai's working-class neighborhoods. Infatuated with the glitz and glamour of 1940s Hollywood, Wang Qiyao seeks fame in the Miss Shanghai beauty pageant, and this fleeting moment of stardom becomes the pinnacle of her life. After the Communist victory, Wang Qiyao continues to indulge in the decadent pleasures of the Shanghai bourgeoisie, secretly playing mahjong during the antirightist campaign and exchanging lovers on the eve of the Cultural Revolution. She reemerges in the 1980s as a purveyor of "old Shanghai," only to become embroiled in a tragedy that echoes the Hollywood noirs of her youth.

Book Information

Series: Weatherhead Books on Asia

Paperback: 456 pages

Publisher: Columbia University Press (January 28, 2010)

Language: English

ISBN-10: 0231143435

ISBN-13: 978-0231143431

Product Dimensions: 6 x 1 x 9 inches

Shipping Weight: 1.7 pounds (View shipping rates and policies)

Average Customer Review: 4.6 out of 5 starsÂ Â See all reviewsÂ (9 customer reviews)

Best Sellers Rank: #658,185 in Books (See Top 100 in Books) #140 inÂ Books > Textbooks > Humanities > Literature > World Literature > Asian #167 inÂ Books > Literature & Fiction > World Literature > Asian > Chinese #384 inÂ Books > Literature & Fiction > History & Criticism > Regional & Cultural > Asian

Customer Reviews

The Song of Everlasting Sorrow is a novel equally about a woman and a city. The city is Shanghai, and the story opens in its last days of decadent opulence in the 1940s. The woman is Wang Qiyao, as a teenager a striking young beauty who has been raised on Hollywood movies and a mix of Chinese and Western fashions. Her life is that of a typical Shanghai girl until, with the help of a friend, Wang Qiyao gets a glimpse at the world of her dreams backstage at a Shanghai film studio. This leads to her being noticed by an amateur photographer who makes her his lifetime obsession. His photos of Wang Qiyao catapult her to local fame and a place in the 1946 "Miss Shanghai" beauty pageant. Wang Qiyao's feminine world is echoed in the author's descriptions of Shanghai

itself:"Shanghai's splendor is actually a kind of feminine grace; the scent carried by the wind is a woman's perfume.... The shadows of the French parasol trees seem to carry a womanly aura, as do the oleanders and the lilacs in the courtyard--the most feminine of flowers. The humid breeze during the rainy season is a woman's little temper tantrum, the murmuring sound of Shanghainese is custom-made for women's most intimate gossip. The city is like one big goddess, wearing clothes plumed with rainbows, scattering silver and gold across the sky."Wang Qiyao lives in a "longtang," the traditional Shanghai residential block consisting of a group of connected houses fronting a single narrow alley. There are detailed descriptions of the longtang and changes that both it and Wang Qiyao undergo over time as history sweeps across Shanghai. But the tumultuous events of Chinese history from the 1940s to the 1980s are seen only indirectly.

[Download to continue reading...](#)

The Song of Everlasting Sorrow: A Novel of Shanghai (Weatherhead Books on Asia) Written on Water (Weatherhead Books on Asia) 5 BOOKS ON HINDUISM AND BUDDHISM. THE ESSENCE OF BUDDHISM, THE LIGHT OF ASIA, HINDU LITERATURE, THE SONG CELESTIAL OR BHAGAVAD-GITA, INDIAN POETRY (Timeless Wisdom Collection Book 4750) The North Korean Revolution, 1945-1950 (Studies of the Weatherhead East Asian Institute, Columbia University) Shanghai: A Novel by Yokomitsu Riichi (Michigan Monograph Series in Japanese Studies) Shanghai Girls: A Novel Capitalist Development and Economism in East Asia: The Rise of Hong Kong, Singapore, Taiwan and South Korea (Routledge Studies in the Growth Economies of Asia) Islam Translated: Literature, Conversion, and the Arabic Cosmopolis of South and Southeast Asia (South Asia Across the Disciplines) Sorrow Floats: A Novel (GroVont series) Chinese Architecture and Metaphor: Song Culture in the Yingzao Fashi Building Manual (Spatial Habitus: Making and Meaning in Asia's Architecture) Jokes For Kids - Joke Books : Funny Books : Kids Books : Books for kids age 9 12 : Best Jokes 2016 (kids books, jokes for kids, books for kids 9-12, ... funny jokes, funny jokes for kids) (Volume 1) Surpassing Shanghai: An Agenda for American Education Built on the World's Leading Systems Shanghai 1937: Stalingrad on the Yangtze Secret War in Shanghai: An Untold Story of Espionage, Intrigue, and Treason in World War II Child Interwoven: Memories in Poem and Prose of a Russian Girlhood in 1940s Shanghai Beyond the Neon Lights: Everyday Shanghai in the Early Twentieth Century Tell Me Why: The Beatles: Album By Album, Song By Song, The Sixties And After Ten Russian Folk Song, Two Russian Folk Song Op. 104 Vocal Score (Shostakovich Complete Edition) The American Song Treasury: 100 Favorites (Dover Song Collections) Three Song Cycles in Vocal Score: Songs of a Wayfarer, Kindertotenlieder and Das Lied Von Der Erde (Dover Song Collections)

Contact Us

DMCA

Privacy

FAQ & Help