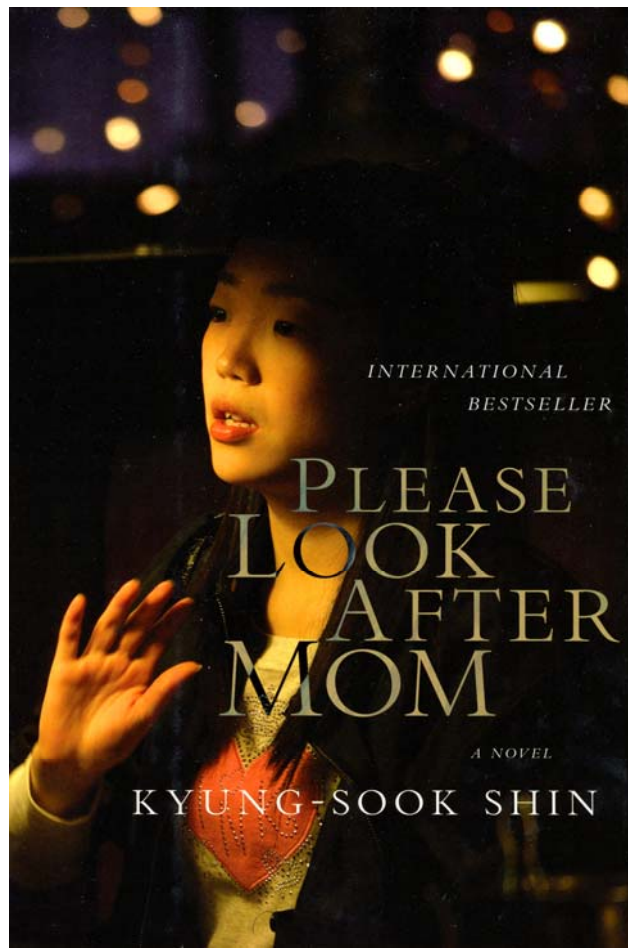


Reader's Roadmap

Helping you navigate the world of books



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**Book of the Month
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Reader's Roadmaps enable readers to pursue threads of interest inspired by a book they've just read.

Please Look After Mom **F S615p**

Please Look After Mom is a stunning, deeply moving story of a family's search for their missing mother — and their discovery of the desires, heartaches and secrets they never realized she harbored within.

When sixty-nine-year-old So-nyo is separated from her husband among the crowds of the Seoul subway station, and vanishes, her children are consumed with loud recriminations, and are awash in sorrow and guilt. As they argue over the "Missing" flyers they are posting throughout the city — how large of a reward to offer, the best way to phrase the text — they realize that none of them have a recent photograph of Mom. Soon a larger question emerges: do they really know the woman they called Mom?



Kyung-Sook Shin
Credit: Lee Hyeonji

About the Author

Kyung-Sook Shin grew up in a remote village in South Korea, the fourth child and oldest daughter of six. Her parents were farmers who could not afford to send her to high school, so at sixteen she moved to Seoul, where her older brother lived. She worked in an electronics plant while attending night school, and published her first collection of stories in 1988, at age twenty-five. She is the author of twelve previous works of fiction, and has been honoured with the 1996 Manhae Literature Prize, the 1997 Dong-in Literature Prize, the 2001 Yi Sang Literary Prize, and one of the 2009 winners of the Prix de l'Inaperçu. Her works are widely read and considered staples of Korean literature. She was a visiting professor at Columbia University in New York City. This is the first of her books to be published in English.

Korea in Fiction

Honolulu

by Alan Brennert / F B8386h

The Red Queen: a Transcultural Tragicomedy

by Margaret Drabble / F D756re

The Calligrapher's Daughter

by Eugenia Kim / F K493c

Your Republic is Calling You

by Young-ha Kim / F K496y

The Surrendered

by Chang-rae Lee / F L4772s

Lark and Termite

by Jayne Anne Phillips / F P561L

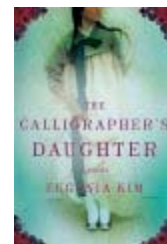
Everything Asian

by Sung J. Woo / F W8732e

North Korea

The Hidden People of North Korea: Everyday Life in the Hermit Kingdom

by Ralph Hassig and Kongdan Oh / 951.93 H355

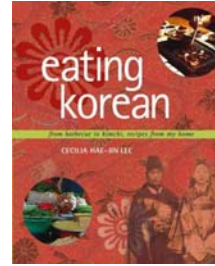


Somewhere Inside: One Sister's Captivity in North Korea and the Other's Flight to Bring Her Home
by Laura Ling and Lisa Ling / 365.45 L755

South Korea

Korea's Place in the Sun: a Modern History
by Bruce Cumings / 951.904 C969

Eating Korean: From Barbecue to Kimchi, Recipes from My Home
by Cecilia Hae-Jin Lee / 641.59519 L477



Korean War 1950-1953

Deadlock in Korea: Canadians at War, 1950-1953
by Ted Barris / 951.9042 B276

The Secrets of Inchon: the Untold Story of the Most Daring Covert Mission of the Korean War
by Eugene Franklin Clark / 951.9 C592

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Korean Chick Lit

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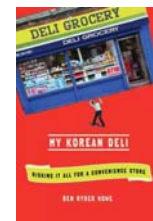
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by Min Jin Lee / F L4794f



Memoirs

The Coldest War: a Memoir of Korea
by James Brady / 951.9042 B812

My Korean Deli
by Ben Ryder Howe / 92 H855



Read-Alikes

Long for This World
by Sonya Chung / F C5592L

Winter Garden
by Kristin Hannah / F H2432w

The Butterfly's Daughter
by Mary Alice Monroe / F M7535b

Bitter in the Mouth
by Monique T.D. Truong / F T8712bi



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