



Girl In Translation Book Club

Icebreaker:

- Where are you tuning in from?
- Who got a hard copy of this book and who listened on audio?
- Where do you like to read?
- When do you like to read?
- What are you eating tonight?

About the Author

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Born in Hong Kong, immigrated to the US (Brooklyn). Graduated from Harvard. Pursued science the switched to literature. Now lives in the Netherlands with her husband and 2 sons. She is fluent in Chinese, Dutch and English.

She has 3 books out:

Girl in Translation

Mambo in Chinatown

Searching for Silvie Lee (Jenna Bush Hagar's most recent book club pick)

I watched an interview with her and she said that every description of the apartment was from her apartment as a child. The glassless windows, the rodents and bugs, the ice and cold.

She said that she wrote the book for her mother who sat by the oven and worked on stacks of clothing until late into the night. Her mom passed just after the book was released.

Main Characters that could be discussed

Kim

Ma (Mrs. Chang)

Aunt Paula

Matt

Annette

Curt