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The Tea Girl of Hummingbird Lane

(BOOK TITLE)

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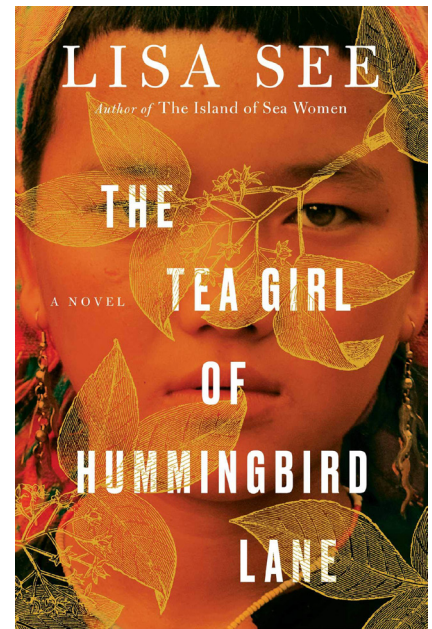
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## ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Lisa See is a Chinese-American author. She has written many bestselling books like *Snow Flower and the Secret Fan* (which was made into a movie), *Shanghai Girls*, *Peony in Love*, and *The Island of Sea Women*. She lives in California.

## ABOUT THE BOOK

I love this publisher's summary: In this stirring coming-of-age novel, a young Chinese woman finds purpose, passion, and the key to a new life in the tea-growing traditions of her ancestors.

## SETTING:

This book takes place in the rural tea mountains of China. There is so much Chinese culture steeped in this book.

## THEMES

- Adoption
- Poverty
- Family Culture and Tradition
- Chinese Culture
- Mother/Daughter Relationships
- Perseverance

## MAIN CHARACTERS

- Li-yan
- A-ma

- Haley
- Mr. Huang
- Mr. Chang
- Teacher Zhang
- Jim
- Deh-ja
- Ci-teh

### **QUESTIONS TO DISCUSS**

- The Tea Girl of Hummingbird Lane begins with the Akha aphorism, “No coincidence, no story.” What are the major coincidences in the story? Are they believable? How important are they in influencing your reaction to the novel as a whole?
- There are many aspects of the Akha culture that were difficult to understand, like the human rejects, but what aspects of their culture did you find admirable?
- Almost everyone in the novel has a secret. How do those secrets impact each character? How are those secrets revealed, and what are the results, particularly for Li-yan and Ci-teh’s relationship?