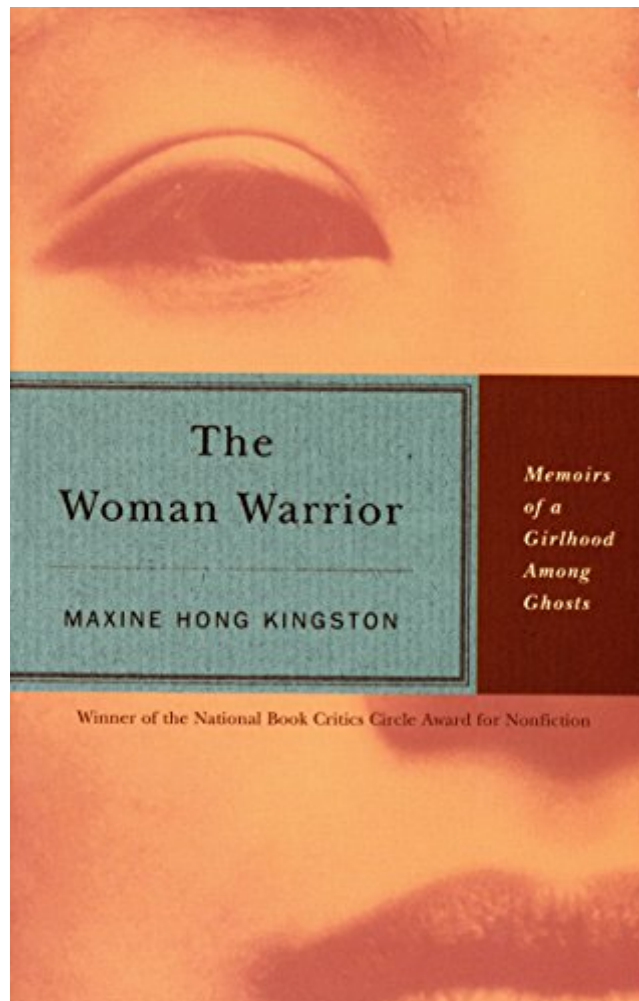


The book was found

# The Woman Warrior: Memoirs Of A Girlhood Among Ghosts (Vintage International)



## Synopsis

A Chinese American woman tells of the Chinese myths, family stories and events of her California childhood that have shaped her identity.

## Book Information

File Size: 2777 KB

Print Length: 225 pages

Publisher: Vintage; Reissue edition (September 1, 2010)

Publication Date: September 1, 2010

Sold by: Random House LLC

Language: English

ASIN: B004089I10

Text-to-Speech: Enabled

X-Ray: Not Enabled

Word Wise: Enabled

Lending: Not Enabled

Enhanced Typesetting: Enabled

Best Sellers Rank: #49,727 Paid in Kindle Store (See Top 100 Paid in Kindle Store) #16 in Books > Biographies & Memoirs > Ethnic & National > Chinese #17 in Kindle Store > Kindle eBooks > Nonfiction > Politics & Social Sciences > Social Sciences > Special Groups > Minority Studies #37 in Books > Biographies & Memoirs > Regional U.S. > West

## Customer Reviews

The Woman Warrior, by Maxine Hong Kingston, captures readers with her own interpretation of what it was like to grow up as a female Chinese American. As a little girl, she came to America with her family. Despite being in a new country, she had to deal with the old traditions from her homeland. Kingston hears different legends which she pieces together to create her woman warrior. It becomes her source of strength in a society that rejected both her sex as well as her race. The book, divided into five interwoven stories, is at times confusing as it jumps around. Nevertheless she does a great job explaining her life while growing up. The first story, called "No Name Woman," tells of her paternal aunt who bears a child out of wedlock and is harried by the villagers and by her family into drowning herself. The family now punishes this taboo-breaker by never speaking about her and by denying her name. However, Kingston breaks the family silence by writing about this rebel whom she calls "my forebear." The next story is called "White Tigers." It is a myth about a

heroine named Fa Mu Lan, who fights in place of her father and saves her village. This story became the Disney movie, *Mulan*. "Sharman" is a story of Kingston's mother. It explores what it was like to study as a woman to become a doctor in China. "At the Western Palace" is about Kingston's aunt who comes to America and discovers that her husband has remarried in America. Finally, the last story, "A Song for a Barbarian Reed Pipe" is about Kingston's own experience in America when she first arrived. She explains what it was like to be a newcomer in a strange culture.

In the novel, *The Woman Warrior*, Kingston addresses several themes including the relationship of boys vs. girls in the Chinese culture, the process of naming, a warrior spirit within women, ghosts as representative of people, the symbolism of talk-stories, and the significance of a voice for speaking as well as writing. While Kingston explores these various themes, she also incorporates her own memoir and testimony. As a Chinese-American, she reveals the complex duality of an identity shaped by two cultures. As a woman, she reveals her fears and struggle to maintain her freedom, along with her desire to earn love from her Mother. As a writer, she reveals a voice she constantly silenced during her youth -- a voice which empowers not only her own identity through writing, but also acknowledges the identity and existence of an aunt who dared to be an individual. Language provides Kingston an avenue into rebellion and strength and yet at the same time, through her language, she inevitably separates herself from her traditions and heritage. Throughout her memoir, Kingston struggles to assert her own identity and liberate her voice. "I shut my mouth, but I felt something alive tearing at my throat, bite by bite, from the inside" (200). This soreness within her throat grows with time along with the need to not only release her identity, but furthermore, to share this identity with her mother. "Maybe because I was the one with the tongue cut loose, I had grown inside me a list of over two hundred things that I had to tell my mother so that she would know the true things about me and to stop the pain in my throat" (197). Kingston needs her mother to help release the language inside her.

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

*The Woman Warrior: Memoirs of a Girlhood Among Ghosts* (Vintage International) *The Woman Warrior: Memoirs of a Girlhood Among Ghosts* A Short Residence in Sweden & *Memoirs of the Author of 'The Rights of Woman': AND Memoirs of the Author of 'The Rights of Woman'* (Classics) *Kitchen Privileges: Memoirs of a Bronx Girlhood* *Ghosts: A Nonfiction Companion to Magic Tree House #42: A Good Night for Ghosts* *Ghosts of the Great War: Aviation in WWI* (Ghosts Aviation Classics) *Vintage Women: Adult Coloring Book #2: Vintage Fashion from the Edwardian Era* (Vintage Women: Adult Coloring Books) (Volume 2) *Vintage Women: Adult Coloring Book #3:*

Vintage Fashion from the Early 1920s (Vintage Women: Adult Coloring Books) (Volume 3) Vintage Women: Adult Coloring Book #8: Simple Vintage Fashions (Vintage Women: Adult Coloring Books) (Volume 8) Vintage Women: Adult Coloring Book #7: Vintage Fashion Layouts from the Early 1920s (Vintage Women: Adult Coloring Books) (Volume 7) Ghosts Among Us: Uncovering the Truth About the Other Side Injustice: Gods Among Us: Year Four (2014-) Vol. 2 (Injustice: Gods Among Us (2013-)) Injustice: Gods Among Us: Year Four Vol. 1 (Injustice: Gods Among Us Year Four) Mosby's Memoirs: The memoirs of Colonel John Singleton Mosby Ulysses S. Grant : Memoirs and Selected Letters : Personal Memoirs of U.S. Grant / Selected Letters, 1839-1865 (Library of America) I Am a SEAL Team Six Warrior: Memoirs of an American Soldier Confessions of a Vintage Guitar Dealer: The Memoirs of Norman Harris Whatever Is Contained Must Be Released: My Jewish Orthodox Girlhood, My Life as a Feminist Artist (Jewish Women Writers) Bone Black: Memories of Girlhood Devil in the Details: Scenes from an Obsessive Girlhood

[Dmca](#)