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This new paperback edition of Vivian Yang's debut novel "Shanghai Girl" can be seen as both a prequel and a sequel to "Memoirs of a Eurasian" in that it fills and expanded its temporal gaps and brings the reader from Shanghai to New York. In the post-Cultural Revolution Shanghai of 1984, university senior Sha-fei Hong longs to study in America for graduate school, ostensibly to pursue the American Dream, but partly to escape her sexually-harassing Communist cadre stepfather. She meets the visiting Chinese-American businessman Gordon Lou, who has political ambitions and ties to the Chinatown underworld in the U.S. He takes Sha-fei to the American Consulate in Shanghai to look into studying in America. There, Sha-fei meets the intern Edward Cook, a young, Caucasian American lawyer who has a strong preference for all things Asian. Within a year, these three people of entirely different cultural and socio-economic backgrounds cross paths in New York. Value systems and self-interests clash. The curtain falls on a dramatic stage of ambition, sex, intrigue, and murder. The girl from Shanghai survives and thrives. Editorial Reviews "Hard to put down once you've picked it up ... Yang masterly transports the living onto the page in a way that's sure to make any writer jealous and any reader sit up and take notice." -- Blogcritics.org "Compelling story ... Fiercely feminine voice ... Strong language ... Great description ... Inherently fascinating locale ... Very likable narrator ... A pleasure to read." --The New Jersey State Council on the Arts "Another 'Tale of Two Cities' (Shanghai and New York)." --The Sampan, Boston "(Yang is a) Shanghai success ... Shanghai Girl is a fascinating consideration of how people of different cultures interact and a study of how people behave when they are living in the midst of a foreign society." --EVE Magazine "Shanghai Girl - a feat in itself." --HK Magazine Also available in Kindle.

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