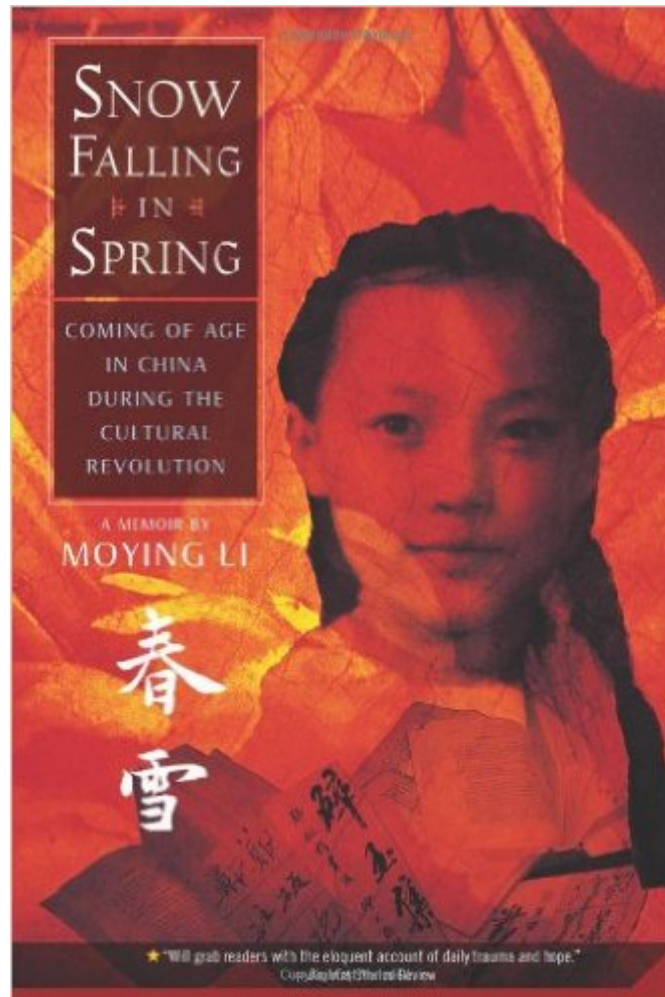


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# Snow Falling In Spring: Coming Of Age In China During The Cultural Revolution



## Synopsis

Most people cannot remember when their childhood ended. I, on the other hand, have a crystal-clear memory of that moment. It happened at night in the summer of 1966, when my elementary school headmaster hanged himself. In 1966 Moying, a student at a prestigious language school in Beijing, seems destined for a promising future. Everything changes when student Red Guards begin to orchestrate brutal assaults, violent public humiliations, and forced confessions. After watching her teachers and headmasters beaten in public, Moying flees school for the safety of home, only to witness her beloved grandmother denounced, her home ransacked, her father's precious books flung onto the back of a truck, and Baba himself taken away. From labor camp, Baba entrusts a friend to deliver a reading list of banned books to Moying so that she can continue to learn. Now, with so much of her life at risk, she finds sanctuary in the world of imagination and learning. This inspiring memoir follows Moying Li from age twelve to twenty-two, illuminating a complex, dark time in China's history as it tells the compelling story of one girl's difficult but determined coming-of-age during the Cultural Revolution. *Snow Falling in Spring* is a 2009 Bank Street - Best Children's Book of the Year.

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## Customer Reviews

A wonderful read. This marvelously crafted book tells of a young girl's growing up during the

Chinese Cultural Revolution. The exquisitely gentle yet powerful prose conveys not only the pain and pathos of that turbulent period in modern China but also the characteristics which enable us to endure and overcome adversity. There are many special characters such as Ms. Li's grandmother Lao, Lao and the influential teacher Mr. Hu. Highly recommended!

A beautiful and powerful account of life during the Cultural Revolution and a must read for anyone who wants a greater understanding of China and her people. It is also a universal story about the strength of family, friendship, and hope in the face of tremendous adversity. Li's compassionate look at the people and experiences that shaped her life during one of China's most turbulent periods flows effortlessly, and will continue to touch you long after you've finished reading it.

There is nothing wrong with this book, but I'm only giving it 3 stars because I have read other memoirs about the cultural revolution that offered a clearer look. *Wild Swans* is one of those books. *Snow Falling in Spring* is a good book for someone who doesn't have time to spend on another book like *Wild Swans* (500+ pages). It also isn't as explicit about the hardships and pain that people endured.

In Li's outstanding book "*Snow Falling in Spring*" the true etiquette and character from this author comes out in its pages. If you're looking for some history without the negative drawbacks of dates, confusing times, and dull facts this is the book for you. This is an easy book to read yet is full of information and knowledge. Combining an author's point of view in a life's story, and history, this book is a real find. Many thank-you's to Moying Li for this pleasurable experience for the reader within me. I recommend it to all. Two Thumbs Up!

"*Snow Falling in Spring*" is a wonderful book, telling stories about a difficult period of Chinese history and making the reader feel a part of that experience. The story from a child's point of view opens up the reader's experience and allows the reader to step into the child's shoes and feel and see the author's experiences. This is a book about human experience. "*Snow Falling in Spring*" is definitely a book to be shared with the whole family. I gave this book to my parents and my son who loved it. They all insisted that I give this book to my nieces and nephews as well. I recommend this book as something that the whole family, can read and talk about.

"*Snow Falling in Spring*" is a very smooth and pleasant read from the beginning to the end, despite

of the dark period that the story was set in. I have read several books about the Cultural Revolution in China, and Li's book is one of my favorite because it is really a story about ourselves, a story when everyone in the book was trying to define and redefine themselves during the most chaotic and tragic period of time. Li not only told the story about struggling and suffering, but also told the story of hope, of how to keep hope alive in a seemingly hopeless time. I really enjoyed the book and would like to recommend to readers of all age.

A beautiful,inspiring story. This wonderfully written book tells of a young girl's growing up during the Chinese Cultural Revolution. Li's spare but powerful prose paints a portrait of a turbulent period in modern China. She also reveals the power of and indomitable human spirit. Li's recall is truly remarkable and she has the ability to bring her characters to life for the reader. A special find - don't miss this one.

Reading Li's heart-wrenching and eye-opening account of growing up during the Cultural Revolution in China would be equally instructive and enjoyable for youth and adults alike -- there is much to learn from both her trials and her triumphs. The fluid telling of her story in a language that she fought so hard to be allowed to learn reveals that freedoms should never be taken for granted.

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