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Grace

An American Woman in China 1934-1974

Eleanor McCallie Cooper and William Liu

Grace Divine traveled to New York City to study opera singing. There she met Liu Fu-chi, who had graduated from Cornell University's engineering school. They fell in love and were married at the height of the Depression in 1932. Soon thereafter Fu-chi returned to China to look for work.

In 1934, Grace and her infant daughter went to join fu-chi in Tientsin (Tianjin) in northern China where he had been hired as an engineer at the Water Works. She was to remain in China for the next forty years, living through the Japanese Occupation, the fall of the Nationalist government and the Communist Revolution, the Great Leap Forward and the Cultural Revolution.

This book, prepared by her cousin Eleanor and her son William, has been compiled in large part from Grace's letters and her partial memoir that she attempted to complete prior to her death in 1974. It is a vivid, first-hand account by an American woman who observed and participated in the events of a turbulent period of Chinese history not otherwise well-known to westerners or even, at this date, to the Chinese people themselves.

Praise for Grace:

"An important document - and an unforgettable love story."

Suzanne Fisher Staples, *Daughter of the Wind*, Newberry Award recipient

"The extraordinary life of a courageous, outspoken American woman who survived 40 years of upheaval in 20th-century China."

Kirkus Reviews

"Reads like a riveting and complex novel...a testament to the importance of family and of stories."

Lee Smith, *The Last Girls*

"Grace Lui was a woman of great courage, insight and caring...This memoir is utterly absorbing."

Fred Chappell,
Look Back All the Green Valley

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