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# Eleanor McCallie Cooper & William Liu

### Praise for *Grace*:

"For those looking for a book that contains vivid and descriptive writing, a sense of breadth of Chinese political and economic changes, and an affection for the people, I'd recommend *Grace: An American Woman in China*, an altogether compelling and absorbing book."

Tony Giffone,  
Associate Professor  
State University in New York  
and consultant for the Chinese-  
American Education Exchange



Eleanor McCallie Cooper is the cousin and William Liu the son of Grace Liu, a remarkable woman of courage who they portray in a book, *Grace in China: An American Woman Beyond the Great Wall 1934-1974*, published originally in 1999. This edition went out of print and the English language rights were bought by Soho Press in New York who re-edited and re-published in 2003 as *Grace: An American Woman in China 1934-1974*. The trade paperback edition will be released in 2004.

It is the biography of a woman whose love defied prejudice, war, and revolution. Grace Devine traveled to New York City to study opera singing. There she met Liu Fu-chi, who had just graduated from Cornell University's engineering school. They fell in love and were married at the height of the Depression in 1932. Soon after Fu-chi returned to China to look for work. In 1934, Grace and her infant daughter went to Fu-chi in Tientsin in northern China where he had been hired as an engineer. 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 is 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.

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