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Michael David Kwan (1934-2001)

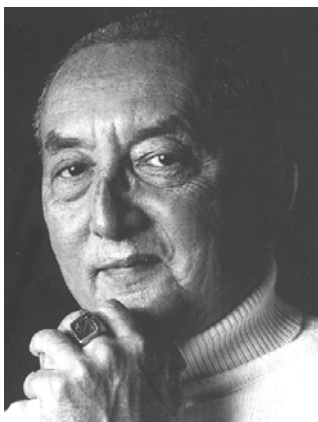
Praise for *Things That Must Not Be Forgotten*:

"...one of the most moving and enlightening books I have ever read about China."

Jan Wong,
Globe & Mail

"...a quiet, eloquent, elegant book, rich in feeling yet never self-pitying or self-absorbed..."

Jonathan Yardley,
Washington Post



The late Michael David Kwan was an award-winning playwright, translator and author. He collapsed on stage at the Victoria (BC) Writer's Festival in 2001 reading from his memoir, *Things That Must Not be Forgotten*, and died two days later in the coronary care unit of Royal Jubilee Hospital.

Michael was the author of four books. His memoir won the 2000 Kiriya Pacific Rim Prize for non-fiction — it was selected from over 300 books submitted from international publishers. *Things That Must Not be Forgotten* was published in Canada (MacFarlane, Walter & Ross), the US (Soho Press), the UK (Mainstream Publishers), and in Australia (Harper Collins). This extraordinary memoir also shared the 2002 Canada-Japan Literary English-language award (with Dennis Bock's *The Ash Garden*). Michael other books included *The Chinese Story-Tellers' Book* (Tuttle, Boston 2001), and *Broken Portraits* (China Book & Periodicals, San Francisco 1990).

Michael David Kwan was recognized for his plays, as well. "The Day of the Phoenix", a play about Wu Zetian, China's notorious female emperor of the early Tang dynasty, won the Theater BC's National Playwriting Competition in 1992 and "A Season in Purgatory" set in a Beijing prison on the eve of the Tiananmen incident, won the DuMaurier Arts Canadian National Playwriting Competition in 1995. Just prior to his death Michael completed "The Undaunted", a screenplay about Chinese laborers building the railway through BC's Fraser Canyon. Writing under the name of David Kwan, he also translated modern Chinese literature into English.

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