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The Collected Novels Volume One
Lexington Books

An epic, heart-wrenching story of a mother and daughter's journey to their destiny. Lotus Feet. He would give his daughter the dainty feet of a courtesan. This would enhance her beauty and her price, making her future shine like a new coin. He smiled to himself, pouring fresh tea. And it would stop her from running away... When the young concubine of an old farmer in rural China gives birth to a daughter called Li-Xia, or "Beautiful One," the child seems destined to become a concubine herself. Li refuses to submit to her fate, outwitting her father's orders to bind her feet and escaping the silk farm with an English sea captain. Li takes her first steps toward fulfilling her mother's dreams of becoming a scholar—but her final triumph must be left to her daughter, Su Sing, "Little Star," in a journey that will take her from remote mountain refuges

to the perils of Hong Kong on the eve of World War II.

Farewell My Concubine Hachette UK
A RITA Award Winner A 2016 RT Book Reviews Reviewers Choice Nominee for First Historical Romance There is no easy path for a woman aspiring to power A concubine at the palace learns quickly that there are many ways to capture the Emperor's attention. Many paint their faces white and style their hair attractively, hoping to lure in the One Above All with their beauty. Some present him with fantastic gifts, such as jade pendants and scrolls of calligraphy, while others rely on their knowledge of seduction to draw his interest. Young Mei knows nothing of these womanly arts, yet she will give the Emperor a gift he can never forget. Mei's intelligence and curiosity, the same traits that make her an outcast among the other concubines, impress the Emperor. But just as she is in a position to seduce the most powerful man in China, divided loyalties split the palace in two, culminating in a perilous battle that Mei can only hope to survive. In the breakthrough first volume

in the Empress of Bright Moon duology, Weina Dai Randel paints a vibrant portrait of ancient China--where love, ambition, and loyalty can spell life or death--and the woman who came to rule it all.

Pavilion of Women Harper Perennial Beginning amid the decadent glamour of China in the 1930s and ending in the 1980s in Hong Kong, this brilliant novel, which formed the basis for the award-winning movie, is the passionate story of an opera student who falls in love with his best friend, and the beautiful woman who comes between them.

My Splendid Concubine HarperCollins Australia

Excerpt from Chinese Womanhood The Lady with a Flower in Her Hair is my epigrammatic way of thinking of the citizeness of the Flowery Kingdom, for all women, from the highest to the lowest, love to wear some bright blossom in their coiffure. To me there is a secret and indescribable charm about the Chinese woman of to-day. With her stately manners and simple, pleasing qualities, she stands out almost as the contemporaneous ancestress of the whole modern world, for in studying China we realize that the points of difference are due more to differences of historical stages than to radical dissimilarity of race. About the Publisher Forgotten Books publishes hundreds of thousands of rare and classic books. Find more at www.forgottenbooks.com This book is a reproduction of an important historical work. Forgotten Books uses state-of-the-art technology to digitally reconstruct the work, preserving the original format whilst repairing imperfections present in the aged copy. In rare cases, an imperfection in the original, such as a blemish or missing page, may be replicated in our edition.

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Imperial Woman Tats Publishing

In a sunny California apartment, a young woman and her fiancé arrive to record her great-grandmother's story. The story that unfolds of Precious Orchid's life in China, where she rises from a childhood of shame to become one of the most successful courtesans in the land, is unlike any they've heard before. . .

When Precious Orchid's father is falsely accused of a crime and found guilty, he is executed, leaving his family a legacy of dishonor. Her mother's only option is to enter a Buddhist nunnery, so she gives her daughter over to the care of her sister in Shanghai. At first, life at Peach Blossom Pavilion feels like a dream. Surrounded by exotic flowers, murmuring fountains, colorful fishponds, and bamboo groves, Precious Orchid sees herself thriving. She is schooled in music, literature, painting, calligraphy, and to her innocent surprise, the art of pleasuring men. For the beautiful Pavilion hides its darker purpose as an elite house of prostitution. And even as she commands the devotion of China's most powerful men, Precious Orchid never gives up on her dream to escape the Pavilion, be reunited with her mother, avenge her father's death, and find true love. And as the richest, most celebrated Ming Ji or "prestigious courtesan" in all of China, she just might have her way even if it comes with a devastating price. . . Sweeping in scope and stunning in its evocation of China, Peach Blossom Pavilion is a remarkable novel with an unforgettable heroine at the heart of its powerful story. . .

"Riveting. . .a rare peek into an exotic

culture that is thrilling, captivating, and moving." --Shobhan Bantwal, author of *The Dowry Bride* "In the sure voice of *Precious Orchid*, Mingmei Yip recounts thirteen tumultuous years of Chinese history: vicious politics, pristine piety and heartrending scandal, framed in the classical arts. She writes with a painter's fastidious eye and the irresistible energy of grand storytelling. The pages just turn themselves." --Neal Chandler, Director, Creative Writing Program of Cleveland State University. "Peach Blossom Pavilion, story of the last geisha in China, is told with amazing insight as if the author had lived in the tumultuous China of a century ago. Through her beautiful, lucid prose, Mingmei brings modern Western readers into the mysterious world of the cultivated courtesan." --Hannelore Hahn, Founder and Executive Director, International Women's Writing Guild. "Peach Blossom Pavilion is a vivid account of the forgotten past." --Chun Yu, author of *Little Green: Growing Up During the Chinese Cultural Revolution*

Concubines and Bond Servants: The Social History of a Chinese Custom
Mount Kisco, N.Y. : Moyer Bell Limited

In the closing years of the eighteenth century, the once great Qianlong dynasty languishes in a morass of corruption and waste. The emperor, formerly the powerful ruler of a thriving dynasty, is now the feeble tool of his devious minister, Heshen, who plies his ruler with opium and whispers shadowy innuendos into his receptive ear. This dark stagnancy is abruptly interrupted when the English envoy of King George III refuses to perform the traditional obeisance: the kowtow. The Imperial Interpreter Second Class, the alluring Lady Cao Baoquin, assigned to the English embassy, is consequently incarcerated in the Pavilion of Forgotten

Concubines, destined to end her days among these forlorn flowers of decades past. Lady Cao, however, is much more than she appears to be; rumors whisper of her mysterious association with the much-revered author of the *Dream of the Red Chamber* - a novel as politically dangerous as it is galvanizing. Loved by a stalwart Dutch diplomat, coveted by the Grand Censor, and scorned by the power-seeking Heshen, Lady Cao is a delicate pillar of indomitable strength and fortitude. Set amidst the intrigue of a dilapidated court, *The Pavilion of Forgotten Concubines* is a work of lyrical eloquence in which one woman emerges as the most unexpected of heroes; a woman who, through the indomitable power of her ink-reed, will defy an empire.

Peach Blossom Pavillion William Morrow
China, 1760. The Emperor conquers Altishahr, a Muslim country to the west of his empire and summons a local woman from his new dominion to come to the Forbidden City as his concubine. Meanwhile in the market of Kashgar a girl named Hidligh is kidnapped by Iparhan, a woman scarred by the Emperor's conquest of her homeland and bent on vengeance. Iparhan offers her a deal: Hidligh will become the Emperor's concubine, living a life of luxury. In return she will act as Iparhan's spy. But when Hidligh arrives in the Forbidden City, she enters a frightening new world. Every word she utters may expose her as an imposter. Iparhan is watching from the shadows, waiting to exact her revenge on the Emperor. The Empress is jealous of her new rival. And when Hidligh finally meets the Emperor, she finds herself falling in love... "A passionate story, richly imagined in the spaces of real history. Melissa Addey meticulously evokes a strange, beautiful

and harsh society." - Emma Darwin, award-winning author of *The Mathematics of Love* and *A Secret Alchemy*. "Melissa Addey has given us a new take on the cherished but controversial legend of 'the Fragrant Concubine,' one that weaves together the many conflicting versions of the story and plausibly embraces how romance might have blossomed between the brilliant Manchu monarch and his fragrant Muslim consort." - Professor James Millward, author of *A Uyghur Muslim in Qianlong's Court: The Meanings of the Fragrant Concubine* If you enjoyed Lisa See's *Peony in Love*, Anchee Min's *The Last Empress* and Arthur Golden's *Memoirs of a Geisha* then *The Fragrant Concubine* will be a new favourite. Set in China's Forbidden City in the 18th century, where the women of the court vie for the Emperor's attention and every concubine must fight for her position.

Farewell to My Concubine Funstory
Story of a male Beijing opera star, his love for another male singer, and the beautiful courtesan who comes between them, sweeps through five decades of Chinese history.

The Fragrant Concubine Asiapac Books Pte Ltd
Requirements for being a royal consort:
1) Exemplify purity. 2) Pass all demanding tests. 3) Gracefully withstand petty backstabbing. 4) Be chaste. Very chaste. Check to all! Chen Ji Yue is on her way to empress superstardom in nineteenth-century China. She only has to vanquish 300 rivals to bring her family great honour. Oh, and she may not find the deliciously sexy Sun Bo Tao the emperor's best friend at all delicious. Or sexy. Damn. Ji Yue is in big trouble. Because Bo Tao is definitely very sexy. And Ji Yue is about to discover that

chastity is overrated.
Peerless Concubine Penguin UK
China, 1907. Sixteen-year-old orphan Cassia is sold by her aunt to a brothel. There, she works as a lowly maid for Madame Emerald until a powerful and dangerous client plucks her from obscurity. Master Chang is the boss of the fearsome Shanghai Triad and he always gets what he wants. Despite her unbound feet and breasts, Cassia swiftly becomes Chang's favourite mistress. He showers her with luxuries as he embarks on her sexual awakening. But Chang's world is violent and precarious, and those such as Cassia who depend on him are bound to his fate . . .

The Moon in the Palace Funstory
She became his prisoner, performed surgery on his soldiers, but he treated her as his slave. He treated her as his slave, gave her an imperial decree, forced her to sleep on the first day, invited his imperial concubine to frame her, and made her into a demon because she had used caesarean section to save his first prince, bestowed him a noble concubine. He was the most heartless and cruel king of the five nations, and he had never been moved by women. He had thought that giving up his true feelings would bring him back to reality. However, because of an operation that his wife had arranged for him to fail, he had become a sinner. With the appearance of a demon, his country would be destroyed. [Plot fiction, please don't copy it]

Forgotten Tales of Ancient China
Rowman & Littlefield
Fictionized biography of Tzu-hsi, the last empress of China, who was known as "Old Buddha."

The Complete Plays of Charles Ludlam
Open Road Media
She did not have an illustrious family

background, nor did she have an impeccable appearance. However, she climbed step by step up to the position of concubine. She had given birth to six children for Emperor Kang Xi, and had once pampered the harem! She had had the simplest of loves, had experienced the most complicated plans of a palace, had wanted to see through the walls of the palace cold and lonely, and had also shocked the imperial harem. She was the only one!

The Russian Concubine Funstory
Chosen for imperial service, some concubines rise to power. Others fall to madness. 18th century China. All girls aged thirteen to sixteen must attend the Imperial Daughters' Draft, so that the Emperor can have the first choice of every woman in his empire as a possible concubine. Once chosen, some rise to power. Some even forge friendships. But for some concubines, there are whispers of forbidden loves, dangerous secrets and even madness. Four women's lives intertwine as their destinies unfold within the high red walls of the Forbidden City. Lady Qing has been forgotten by the Emperor, but dares to make one last bid for love. Lady He finds herself out of her depth as secrets pile up around her. Lady Niuuru is torn away from everything she loves as she ascends to ever-greater power. And Lady Ula Nara teeters on the brink of madness as she desperately tries to find happiness amongst the rituals and rivalries of the Forbidden City. Based on four real women who became concubines to emperors of the Qing dynasty and spent their lives in the Forbidden City, this is historical fiction at its most intriguing, gripping and romantic. Immerse yourself in an extraordinary lost world of exquisite beauty, hard-won power and deeply

emotional choices. Buy the complete Forbidden City series today.

Scripts Open Road Media

She, who was originally a princess of a country, the beloved daughter of her parents and the pride of a nation, had fallen in love with an enemy on the battlefield at first sight ...For him, he had to let go of all his pride and leave his home country. He would travel thousands of miles to his own country just to marry him ...She had originally thought that she could finally get her wish to be together with her beloved person. However, she didn't expect that the other party would be absent on the wedding night. Thus, he had randomly sent an imperial bodyguard to deal with her ...She was furious. She wanted to ask him why, but saw him embrace her enemy in his arms and cherish him like a precious treasure ...But now that she was like a boat with an arrow that had left the bow, she had no other choice. She could only move forward ...

Het paviljoen van de vergeten concubines / druk 1 Russian

Concubine

Empress Xiao Zhao had been in the palace for thirteen years, and had been a queen for four years. After dying, the Queen was still unwilling to be reincarnated. In the end, Hades could not stand it any longer and gave the Empress a chance. Rebirth, change the fate of your heart that you are unwilling to accept.

Pavilion of women Kensington Books
Some emperors were blessed with empresses who led their dynasties to prosperity and stability. Many emperors, however, found out that they had taken on more than they expected with the arrival of talented, ruthless and ambitious beauties. This book tells the stories of the outstanding, the

outrageous, the glorious as well as the tragic empresses and concubines of the Chinese palace.

Concubines and Bondservants Rowman & Littlefield

A “vivid and extremely interesting” novel of an upper-class Chinese wife’s quest for freedom, from the Nobel Prize-winning author of *The Good Earth* (The New Yorker). At forty, Madame Wu is beautiful and much respected as the wife of one of China’s oldest upper-class houses. Her birthday wish is to find a young concubine for her husband and to move to separate quarters, starting a new chapter of her life. When her wish is granted, she finds herself at leisure, no longer consumed by running a sixty-person household. Now she’s free to read books previously forbidden her, to learn English, and to discover her own mind. The family in the compound are shocked at the results, especially when she begins learning from a progressive, excommunicated Catholic priest. In its depiction of life in the compound, *Pavilion of Women* includes some of Buck’s most enchanting writing about the seasons, daily rhythms, and customs of women in China. It is a delightful parable about the sexes, and of the profound and transformative effects of free thought. This ebook features an illustrated biography of Pearl S. Buck including rare images from the author’s estate.

Chinese Womanhood (Classic Reprint)

Sourcebooks Landmark

This groundbreaking book analyzes marriage and family reform in twentieth-century China. Lisa Tran’s examination of changes in the perception of concubinage explores the subtle, yet very meaningful, shifts in the construction of monogamy in contemporary China. Equally important

is her use of court cases to assess how these shifts affected legal and social practice. Tran argues that this dramatic story has often been overlooked, leading to the mistaken conclusion that concubinage remained largely unchanged or quietly disappeared in “modern” China. Customarily viewed as a minor wife because her “husband” was already married, a concubine found her legal status in question under a political order that came to be based on the principles of monogamy and equality. Yet although the custom of concubinage came under attack in the early twentieth century, the image of the concubine stirred public sympathy. How did lawmakers attack the practice without jeopardizing the interests of concubines? Conversely, how did jurists protect the interests of women without appearing to sanction concubinage? How law and society negotiated these conflicting interests dramatically altered existing views of monogamy and marriage and restructured gender and family relations. As the first in-depth study of the meaning and practice of monogamy and concubinage in modern China, this book makes an important contribution to our understanding of Chinese society and legal norms. In addition, by crossing the “1949 divide,” it compares the Guomindang’s designation of concubinage as adultery with the Chinese Communist Party’s treatment of it as bigamy, and draws out the legal implications for the practice of concubinage as well as for women who were concubines. Poised at the intersection of Chinese history, women’s history, and legal history, this book makes a unique and significant contribution to the scholarship in all three fields.

Concubines in Court Letterpress

Publishing

In 1930s Malaysia, sixteen-year-old Yu Lan is in love with her best friend, Ming, whose father owns one of the busiest kopi shops in Petaling Street. But Ming's family don't see the apothecary's daughter as a suitable wife - for Yu Lan's father, Lim, spends more time playing mahjong than selling herbal remedies. It's not long before Lim makes a terrible decision that will change Yu Lan's life

forever, selling her as a concubine to the wealthy, ageing Towkay Chan who is desperate for a male heir. The consequences of Lim's betrayal resonate through four generations and into the present day, where Yu Lan's great-grandson, Nick, is searching for his lost family history. His wife, Sarah, begins to be very afraid of what he will find as past and present meld into one.