In the Beautiful Country by Jane Kuo: A Journey of Identity, Belonging, and Resilience



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Word Wise	: Enabled	
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In the Beautiful Country, Jane Kuo's debut novel, is a powerful and moving story about a young Chinese-American woman's search for identity, belonging, and resilience. Set against the backdrop of Los Angeles' Koreatown, the novel explores the complexities of race, gender, and class in contemporary America.

The novel's protagonist, Grace Lee, is a first-generation Chinese-American who has always felt like an outsider in both her American and Chinese worlds. She is too American for her Chinese family and too Chinese for her American friends. After graduating from college, Grace moves to Koreatown, where she hopes to find a sense of community and belonging.

But Grace soon learns that Koreatown is not the welcoming place she had hoped for. She is confronted with racism and discrimination from both Koreans and white Americans. She also struggles to find her place in a community that is both foreign and familiar.

As Grace navigates the challenges of her new life, she begins to question everything she thought she knew about herself and her place in the world. She learns to embrace her own unique identity and to find strength in her resilience.

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Praise for In the Beautiful Country

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About the Author

Jane Kuo is a Chinese-American writer and educator. She is the author of the novel In the Beautiful Country, which was published in 2019. Kuo is a graduate of the Iowa Writers' Workshop and the recipient of a Whiting Award. She currently teaches creative writing at the University of California, Berkeley.



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