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Description:

From Publishers Weekly Wong Keltner's spunky novel about a third-generation Chinese-American in San Francisco delivers a left hook to knee-jerk political correctness and offers a comic, honest take on what it feels like to be part of two cultures. Lindsey Owyang is a modern 20-something, underemployed as a receptionist at Vegan Warrior magazine (she's a "closet meat-eater"), who unexpectedly finds herself falling "in like" with Michael Cartier, the magazine's white travel editor. But dating's tough when you live at home with a traditional Chinese grandmother and even harder when that grandmother is constantly trying to set you up with the children of her mah-jongg partners. Meanwhile, Lindsay's aunt gets colored contacts (" 'Don't you think I look at least half-white anyway?' "); a white friend says that Asian girls are stealing all the cute frat boys; and creepy "Hoarders of All Things Asian" accost her on the bus. Lindsey gets a chance to connect with her roots when she finds out that she's expected to accompany her grandmother to China to visit long-lost relatives. Here Lindsey finally gains a grounded sense of her personal and cultural past, while at

the same time realizing that as an ABC (American-born Chinese), "every experience, even the unpleasant ones, had helped to slowly build her character, creating a one-of-a-kind Chinese American named Lindsey Owyang." Wong Keltner is unabashedly sassy and biting in her take on race and love, and the result is both refreshing and smart.

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From After a lifetime of eating Spaghetti-Os, watching *The Brady Bunch*, and listening to cheezy '80s music, 25-year-old Lindsey Owyang is a thoroughly modern third-generation ABC (American-born Chinese). In an effort to save money and placate her family, Lindsey lives with her tiny, mah-jongg-gambling grandmother, Pau Pau, who dispenses fashion advice, blind dates, and "stinky tiger balm." Like most young urban professional women, Lindsey agonizes over her body (she has one malformed toe, preventing her from wearing sandals), men (she avoids guys with "Asian girl fetishes"), and work (she's one of the secret meat-eaters at *Vegan Warrior* magazine). When her family insists Lindsey accompany Pau Pau on a nostalgic trip to China, she develops an appreciation for her roots and discovers a family secret. *Bridget Jones* meets *The Joy Luck Club* in this multicultural twist on the single-gal-in-the-city subgenre of fiction. Believable characters in realistically outlandish situations raise this book a few notches above standard chick-lit fare. *Kaite Mediatore*

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