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Following a fall at the river town of Feng Jie, Chinese Cinderella is whisked away to hospital. As she lapses in and out of consciousness, she is haunted by vivid dreams that seem strange yet somehow familiar to her.

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Gracie La says

I didn't like the ending but it is still an Awesome book!!!!!!!!!!

Cin Dee says

Ever since I read the book Chinese Cinderella by Adeline Yen Mah, I had started to read other books that were written by her. The book Chinese Cinderella the Mystery of the Song Dynasty Painting was indeed a fantastic book written by her which did not disappoint me. I was totally attracted by this book once I started reading it. This book has an interesting story about friendship and family. It was well written with detailed descriptions and has an excellent plot. The everyday life of the Song Dynasty is described so vividly that I can picture it out in my mind when I was reading it. What attracts me the most is the unique storyline, when CC recalls a life lived centuries before when she had a serious fall and became Zhang Mei Lan, starting her friendship with an orphan boy. It makes readers continue reading to find out whether it is a dream or is it real. I strongly recommend this book to all readers.

Nandar says

CC has a serious fall at the river town of Fengjie. She recovers physically but she keeps dreaming of another life. CC recalls her previous life, as Mei Lan. Mei Lan is a young talented girl and she was friends with an orphan boy named Ah Zhao, who is an amazing painter. It a tale of friendship, family and life. Its a beautifully set story that shows you glimpses of what life was like in the ancient Chinese days.

-Sakura- says

Pros of this book:

- interesting read
- followed exactly the blurb, so not what I would call "book bait"
- teaches you about another culture
- alright layout

Cons of this book:

- average writing, although I can understand because this was translated
- unsatisfactory and rushed ending
- not sure how much of the book was historically accurate
- unrealistic character types and storyline
- didn't have much of a storyline
- slightly boring / not enough action and excitement

Angela Chen says

I am thoroughly impressed.

I *sooo* love the plot of the story!

Set in the 1940s...

This book follows the story of a twelve-year-old girl named CC who ran away from home and joined the Secret Dragon Society.

She was instructed by Grandma Wu, head of the Secret Dragon Society, to buy food in the river town of Feng Jie.

She sensed someone following her so she ran. And ran and ran. Until she fell from a roof then fell into a coma.

On awakening, she underwent hypnosis and recalled the life she led 800 years ago as a thirteen-year-old girl named Mei Lan, during the Song Dynasty.

This is seriously a gripping tale of friendship and loyalty.

The book makes you feel like you're living through each scene of the story, as if you're the one who's undergoing the life back in the 1090s!!

It also gave me a new insight of life and **art...** it actually is a beautiful, honest piece of work on a silk/paper consisting of feelings.

I strongly suggest you guys to read it! :)

Popsicle says

Ok, It had quite a slow start and the story just wasn't moving enough, until where everything really begins. I was starting to get the story and was so dragged into it when she suddenly woke up and BAM, never found out what happened to her when she fell off the wall >.<

Kate says

I love this book! It makes me think how my life might have been if I lived then. I could have been a slave or had my feet bound-yeesh! :/ all in all, I love Mei Lan's (main character) ideas and her independence in a time when women were considered so dumb and useless.

Chiara says

i started to read this book because i had read two of the other books that Adelind Yen Mah has written and i loved them so much so i thought i might try another one.

the category i put this book in was that this book teaches you about another culture because this book tells you the things about how life was like in the ancient chinese days.

the things i found interesting in this book was that it related the Friendship , Family and Life and how she had woken up one day and reflashed about her past and how she was a talented girl and had friends with orphans and how she was in the middle of different things in the future as it then related to Slavery, Friendship, Wealth, Poverty and Arranged Marriages because of the wording had climaxed from being a talented young girl to then being forced into marriage and then having to mix with slavery and poverty. the things i disliked about this book was that it had a real slow start because it got abit boring atimes in how the wording was so simple and subtle.

i would recommend this book to people who like slow endings and then a big climax and a ending that seems to still keep you questioning about the book because this was mostly the three main structures of the book.

Angel says

I picked up this book because I enjoyed reading Chinese Cinderella written by the same author. This book is pretty cool. I know about this painting since very young. But I never really know about the story of the painting nor the contents, but now I learned many things about it from this book. And what China is like a long time ago (the time when she lived). And it is very interesting to learn peoples life at that time through a little girl's own experience.

Alisha Huang says

I think this is a great book (sequel to Chinese Cinderella, the story of a unwanted girl) the only thing I would say is it can be quiet confusing at times and only until the end I realized how the story went. Its about the great painting the song dynasty. CC falls of a roof and then she all of a sudden has a connection between Zhang Mei Lan and herself. Only to find that Zhang Mei Lan is actually her ancestor. Great book but pretty sad too...

Sian Moriarty says

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Ayundabhuwana says

Bought in Singapore.

I first thought it's a not too interesting book (because I've never read a book about China), but it's actually fun.

A great idea and topic for a book, and I really like the story, it's very interesting. I really want to know what happened to Mei Lan! Great book!

FOURTEINO.A says

This book gives us a taste of adeline's childhood. Her cruel siblings never forgave her for causing the death of their long lost mother. They treated her like she wasn't part of their family. Her father had never favoured her which means that she was on her own throughout this battle with her cruel siblings. As she grew up she had looked back at her childhood and never wanted to go through that ever again, but she finally made it on her own. I hope there are no children out there who are treated like her .EVERY CHILD DESERVES TO BE SAFE AT HOME.

XX FOURTEENO XX

Emily Rawlings says

This book was honestly boringly dreadful. The two books before this were great but this book was really lacking in a good storyline. I rated this a two because the idea of the story was really great but it just didn't fold out well.

Lindee says

I totally loved this book!!!! Even though I read this book and not even the slightest bit of the first one (didn't know it was a sequel ;)) it was amazing. I think the way they told the story (w/ C.C. being under hypnosis, and talking as a pass recarnated life) is truely a unique and interesting way to tell a story.

