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Wang Anyi represents the new generation of Chinese women writers. This work deals with the tribulations of a generation whose lives were disrupted by the Cultural Revolution, and who now struggle with the realities of modern China. Her accurate portrayals and seasoned writing style set her apart from Chinese traditionalist authors such as her mother, Ru Zhijuan.

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Wang Anyi writes of that period between the Cultural Revolution and Tianamen Square. This is a dense Shanghai, where people make money standing in food lines for others, where college graduates labor in workshops, where families fight over who takes which room. In the final novella, a family with the stain of past wealth loses control over the ground floor, and never really recuperates it despite being legally entitled to after the fall of the Gang of Four. This is raw storytelling, that doesn't worry about strict point of view, or showing versus telling. Significant years pass in the title novella with little comment. And it flirts with sentimentality, as the families in these stories find resolution to their problems in most of the stories. But Wang Anyi is unblinking enough to note that restoration of some pre-Revolutionary wealth does not by itself bring happiness.

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