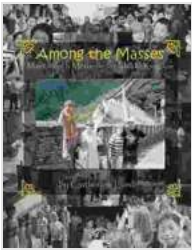


# Memoirs of a Mother in the Middle Kingdom: A Journey of Cultural Discovery and Identity



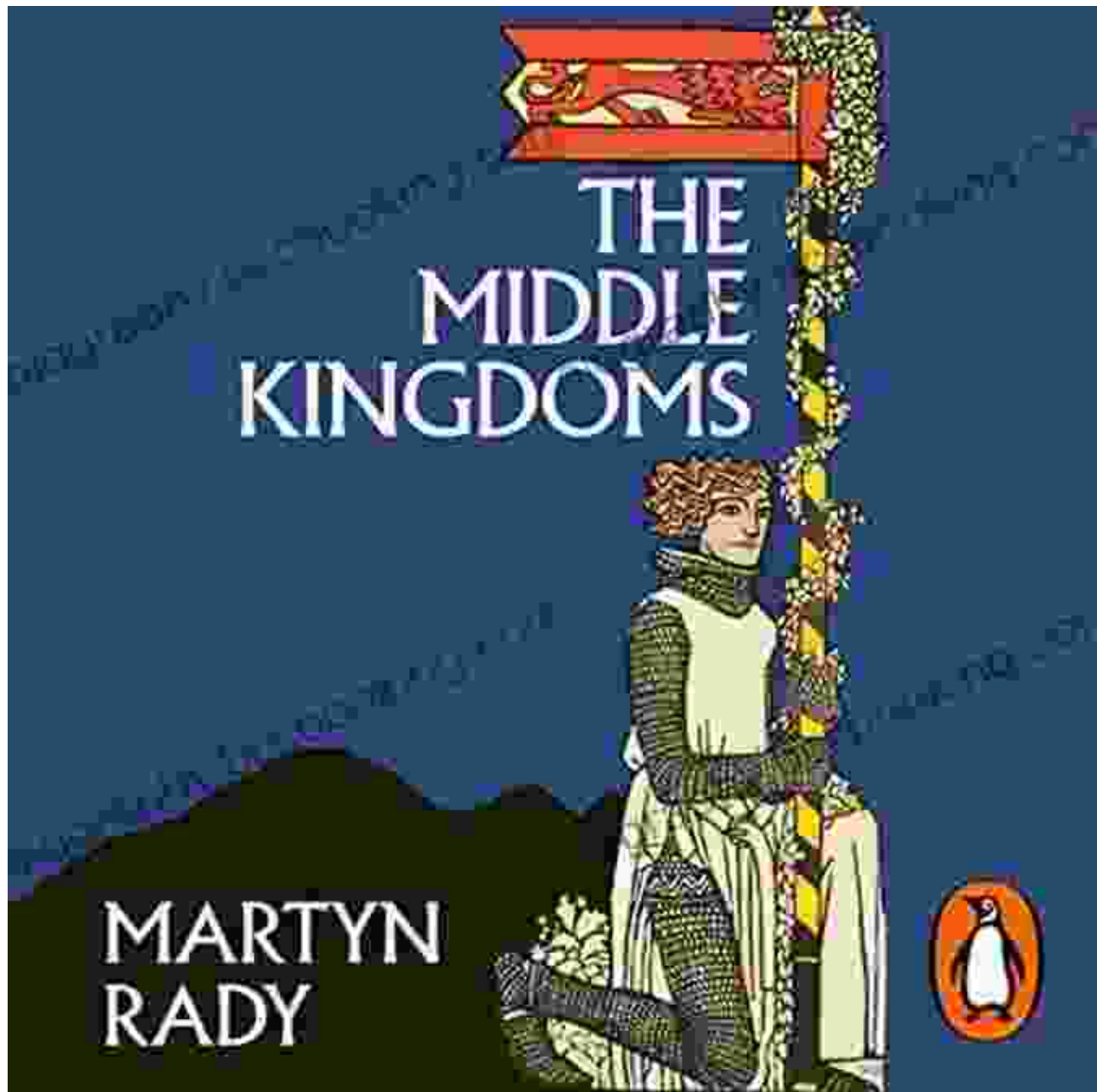
## Among the Masses: Memoirs of a Mother in the Middle Kingdom by Brian Burke

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By Jen Lin-Liu



Memoirs of a Mother in the Middle Kingdom is a memoir by Jen Lin-Liu, a Chinese-American woman who moved to Beijing with her husband and two young children in 2007. The book chronicles her experiences of raising a family in a foreign country, navigating the challenges of cultural differences, and finding her own voice in a society that often marginalizes women.

Lin-Liu's journey begins with her decision to leave her comfortable life in the United States to follow her husband's job to Beijing. She is immediately struck by the vast differences between the two cultures, from the way people dress to the way they communicate. She struggles to find her place in a society that is both foreign and familiar, and she often feels like an outsider.

As she adjusts to her new life, Lin-Liu begins to learn more about Chinese culture and history. She visits ancient temples, attends traditional festivals, and reads books by Chinese authors. She also begins to make friends with other expats and locals, who help her to understand the complexities of Chinese society.

Through her experiences, Lin-Liu comes to a deeper understanding of her own Chinese heritage. She learns to appreciate the beauty and richness of Chinese culture, and she also becomes more aware of the challenges that Chinese women face. She writes about the sexism and discrimination that she witnesses, and she calls for greater equality for women in China.

*Memoirs of a Mother in the Middle Kingdom* is a moving and insightful memoir that offers a unique perspective on Chinese culture and society. Lin-Liu's writing is honest and engaging, and she paints a vivid picture of life in Beijing. The book is a valuable resource for anyone who is interested in learning more about China, and it is also a powerful story of one woman's journey to find her place in the world.

### **Praise for *Memoirs of a Mother in the Middle Kingdom***

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- Amy Tan, author of *The Joy Luck Club*

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- Min Jin Lee, author of *Pachinko*

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- Celeste Ng, author of *Little Fires Everywhere*

### **About the Author**

Jen Lin-Liu is a Chinese-American writer and journalist. She is the author of two previous books, *On the Noodle Road: From Beijing to Rome, in Search of the World's Most Famous Pasta* and *The Chinese Vegetarian Cookbook*. She lives in Beijing with her husband and two children.



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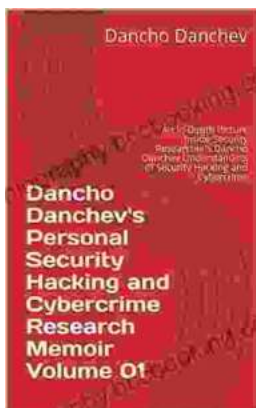
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