

The Valley Of Amazement Amy Tan

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Saving Fish from Drowning
Legends Press

In her sweeping debut novel, Elizabeth J. Church takes us from the World War II years in Chicago to the vast sun-parched canyons of New Mexico in the 1970s as we follow the journey of a driven, spirited young woman, Meridian Wallace, whose scientific ambitions are subverted by the expectations of her era. In 1941, at seventeen years old, Meridian begins her ornithology studies at the University of Chicago. She is soon drawn to Alden Whetstone, a brilliant, complicated physics professor who opens her eyes to the fundamentals and poetry of his field, the beauty of motion, space and time, the delicate balance of force and energy that allows a bird to fly. Entranced and in love, Meridian defers her own career path and follows Alden west to Los Alamos, where he is engaged in a secret government project (later known to be the atomic bomb). In married life, though, she feels lost and left behind. She channels her academic ambitions into studying a particular family of crows, whose free life and companionship are the very things that seem beyond her reach. There in her canyons, years later at the dawn of the 1970s, with counterculture youth filling the streets and protests against the war rupturing college campuses across the country, Meridian meets Clay, a young geologist and veteran of the Vietnam War, and together they seek ways to mend what the

world has broken. Exquisitely capturing the claustrophobic eras of 1940s and 1950s America, *The Atomic Weight of Love* also examines the changing roles of women during the decades that followed. And in *Meridian* Wallace we find an unforgettable heroine whose metamorphosis shows how the women's movement opened up the world for a whole generation. [Scam Me If You Can](#) University of Washington Press
New York Times bestseller *The Valley of Amazement* is an evocative epic of two women's intertwined fates and their search for identity—from the lavish parlors of Shanghai courtesans to the fog-shrouded mountains of a remote Chinese village. Shanghai, 1912. Violet Minturn is the daughter of the American madam of the city's most exclusive courtesan house. But when the Ching dynasty is overturned, Violet is separated from her mother and forced to become a "virgin courtesan." Spanning more than forty years and two continents, Amy Tan's newest novel maps the lives of three generations of women—and the mystery of an evocative painting known as "The Valley of Amazement." Moving from the collapse of China's last imperial dynasty to the growth of anti-foreign sentiment and the inner workings of courtesan houses, *The Valley of Amazement* interweaves the story of Violet, a celebrated Shanghai courtesan on a quest for both love and identity, and her mother, Lucia, an American woman whose search for penance leads them to an unexpected reunion. *The Valley of Amazement* is a deeply moving narrative of family secrets, legacies, and the profound connections between mothers and daughters, reminiscent of the compelling territory Tan so expertly mapped in *The Joy Luck Club*. With her characteristic wisdom, grace, and humor, Tan conjures up a story of

inherited trauma, desire, deception, and the power and stubbornness of love. *Dreams of Joy* Penguin
Two sisters leave Shanghai to find new lives in 1930s Los Angeles in this fresh, fascinating adventure.
The Valley of Amazement: A Novel By Amy Tan (Trivia-On-Books) Harper Collins
This sensual jewel of a tale is an extract from 'Valley of Amazement' – the first book in six years from the beloved and bestselling Amy Tan. [The Prophet's Wife](#) A&C Black
Ming Miao tells her kittens about the antics of one of their ancestors, Sagwa of China, that produced the unusual markings they have had for thousands of years. [The Moon Lady](#) Ecco
Finalist for the Lambda Literary Award for Bisexual Fiction Finalist for the Foreword INDIES 2018 Award for Best Fiction Cast adrift in 1870s San Francisco after the death of her mother, a girl named Olive disguises herself as a boy and works as a lighthouse keeper's assistant on the Farallon Islands to escape the dangers of a world unkind to young women. In 1941, nomad Victor scours the Sierras searching for refuge from a home to which he never belonged. And in the present day, precocious fifteen year-old Lily struggles, despite her willfulness, to find a place for herself amongst the small town attitudes of Burning Hills, Oregon. Living alone with her hardscrabble mother Alice compounds the problem--though their unique relationship to the natural world ties them together, Alice keeps an awful secret from her daughter, one that threatens to ignite the tension growing between them. Emily Strelow's mesmerizing debut stitches together a

sprawling saga of the feral Northwest across farmlands and deserts and generations: an American mosaic alive with birdsong and gunsmoke, held together by a silver box of eggshells--a long-ago gift from a mother to her daughter. Written with grace, grit, and an acute knowledge of how the past insists upon itself, *The Wild Birds* is a radiant and human story about the shelters we find and make along our crooked paths home. *The Memory of Desire* Penguin Nai-nai tells her granddaughters the story of her outing, as a seven-year-old girl in China, to see the Moon Lady and be granted a secret wish. Suggested level: primary.

The Valley Of Amazement

Penguin

The Valley of Amazement Ecco
Rules for Virgins Createspace Independent Pub
Peony has neither seen nor spoken to any man other than her father, a wealthy Chinese nobleman. Nor has she ever ventured outside the cloistered women's quarters of the family villa. As her sixteenth birthday approaches she finds herself betrothed to a man she does not know, but Peony has dreams of her own. Her father engages a theatrical troupe to perform scenes from *The Peony Pavilion*, a Chinese epic opera, in their garden amidst the scent of ginger, green tea and jasmine. 'Unmarried girls should not be seen in public,' says Peony's mother, but her father allows the women to watch from behind a screen. Here, Peony catches sight of an elegant, handsome man and is immediately bewitched. So begins her unforgettable journey of love, desire, sorrow and redemption.

[Dark at the Crossing](#) Random House Digital, Inc.

A reimagining of Teddy and Kermit Roosevelt's ill-fated 1914 Amazon expedition—a psychological twist on the smart historical thriller that first put Louis Bayard on the map 1914. Brazil's Rio

da Dúvida, the River of Doubt. Plagued by hunger and suffering the lingering effects of malaria, Theodore Roosevelt, his son Kermit, and the other members of the now-ravaged Roosevelt-Rondon scientific expedition are traveling deeper and deeper into the jungle. When Kermit and Teddy are kidnapped by a never-before-seen Amazonian tribe, the great hunters are asked one thing in exchange for their freedom: find and kill a beast that leaves no tracks and that no member of the tribe has ever seen. But what are the origins of this beast, and how do they escape its brutal wrath? Roosevelt's *Beast* is a story of the impossible things that become possible when civilization is miles away, when the mind plays tricks on itself, and when old family secrets refuse to stay buried. With his characteristically rich storytelling and a touch of old-fashioned horror, the bestselling and critically acclaimed Louis Bayard turns the story of the well-known Roosevelt-Rondon expedition on its head and dares to ask: Are the beasts among us more frightening than the beasts within?

Sagwa, the Chinese Siamese Cat

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On the mountainous border of China and Tibet in 1708, a detective must learn what a killer already knows: that empires rise and fall on the strength of the stories they tell. Li Du was an imperial librarian. Now he is an exile. Arriving in Dayan, the last Chinese town before the Tibetan border, he is surprised to find it teeming with travelers, soldiers, and merchants. All have come for a spectacle unprecedented in this remote province: an eclipse of the sun commanded by the Emperor himself. When a Jesuit astronomer is found murdered in the home of the local magistrate, blame is hastily placed on Tibetan bandits. But

Li Du suspects this was no random killing. Everyone has secrets: the ambitious magistrate, the powerful consort, the bitter servant, the irreproachable secretary, the East India Company merchant, the nervous missionary, and the traveling storyteller who can't keep his own story straight. Beyond the sloping roofs and festival banners, Li Du can see the mountain pass that will take him out of China forever. He must choose whether to leave, and embrace his exile, or to stay, and investigate a murder that the town of Dayan seems all too willing to forget. *The Kitchen God's Wife* Algonquin Books
From New York Times bestselling author Amy Tan, a memoir about finding meaning in life through acts of creativity and imagination. As seen on PBS American Masters "Unintended Memoir." In *Where the Past Begins*, bestselling author of *The Joy Luck Club* and *The Valley of Amazement* Amy Tan reveals the ways that our memories and personal experiences can inform our creative work. Drawing on her vivid impressions of her upbringing, Tan investigates the truths and inspirations behind her writing while illuminating how we all explore, confront, and process complex memories, especially half-forgotten ones from childhood. With candor, empathy, and humor, Tan sheds light on her own writing process, sharing her hard-won insights on the nature of creativity and inspiration while exploring the universal urge to examine truth through the workings of imagination—and what that imaginative world tells us about our own lives. *Where the Past Begins* is both a unique look into the mind of an extraordinary storyteller and an indispensable guide for writers, artists, and other creative thinkers.

Trivia: the Valley of Amazement: a Novel by Amy Tan (Trivia-On-Books)

Fourth Estate

A mother and daughter find what they share in their bones in this compelling novel from the bestselling author of *The Joy Luck Club* and *Where the Past Begins: A Writer's Memoir*. Ruth Young and her widowed mother have always had a difficult relationship. But when she discovers writings that vividly describe her mother's tumultuous life growing up in China, Ruth discovers a side of LuLing that she never knew existed. Transported to a backwoods village known as Immortal Heart, Ruth learns of secrets passed along by a mute nursemaid, Precious Auntie; of a cave where dragon bones are mined; of the crumbling ravine known as the End of the World; and of the curse that LuLing believes she released through betrayal. Within the calligraphied pages awaits the truth about a mother's heart, secrets she cannot tell her daughter, yet hopes she will never forget... Conjuring the pain of broken dreams and the power of myths, *The Bonesetter's Daughter* is an excavation of the human spirit: the past, its deepest wounds, its most profound hopes.

Writers & Company Harper Collins

SuperSummary, a modern alternative to SparkNotes and CliffsNotes, offers high-quality study guides for challenging works of literature. This 58-page guide for "The Valley of Amazement" by Amy Tan includes detailed chapter summaries and analysis covering 15 chapters, as well as several more in-depth sections of expert-written literary analysis. Featured content includes commentary on major characters, 25 important quotes, essay topics, and key themes like *The Search for Ideal Love* and *Sexual Exploitation of Women and Children*.

Fortune's Rocks Penguin

Please note that due to the limitations of some ereading devices, it was not possible to represent diacritical marks in this title. The highly anticipated novel from the bestselling author of

'*The Joy Luck Club*' and '*The Bonesetter's Daughter*'.

The Valley of Amazement Penguin
"Remarkable...mesmerizing...compelling.... An entire world unfolds in Tolstoyan tide of event and detail....Give yourself over to the world Ms. Tan creates for you." -The New York Times Book Review
Winnie and Helen have kept each other's worst secrets for more than fifty years. Now, because she believes she is dying, Helen wants to expose everything. And Winnie angrily determines that she must be the one to tell her daughter, Pearl, about the past—including the terrible truth even Helen does not know. And so begins Winnie's story of her life on a small island outside Shanghai in the 1920s, and other places in China during World War II, and traces the happy and desperate events that led to Winnie's coming to America in 1949. *The Kitchen God's Wife* is "a beautiful book" (Los Angeles Times) from the author of bestselling novels like *The Joy Luck Club* and *The Valley of Amazement*, and the memoir, *Where the Past Begins*.

The Hundred Secret Senses St. Martin's Press

Amy of Tan's gifts, the ability to layer images, to command your attention, to shock you with a sudden slipping in of the knife are on display here' Amy Tan's past was gathered together in seven plastic boxes in the corner of her office. They were filled with wedding announcements and condolence cards ; babies' handprints and locks of hair ; the letters from her mother, brimming with anger, heartache and love. In *Where the Past Begins*, Tan unpacks the vivid memories of her traumatic childhood to reveal the powerful connections between truth and imagination - the spark that has inspired her most beloved novels. Filled with hard-won insights on the nature of creativity, this is a unique look into the mind of an extraordinary storyteller and an exploration of all that made it both unlikely and inevitable that she would become one of America's

greatest living writers.

The Valley of Amazement Harper Collins

"Diamond Head is an intricate meditation on what is in our control and what is fate—and on whether children must bear the costs of their parents' mistakes." -Celeste Ng, #1 New York Times bestselling author of *Everything I Never Told You* and *Little Fires Everywhere*
At the turn of the nineteenth century, Frank Leong, a fabulously wealthy shipping industrialist, moves his family from China to the island of Oahu. But something ancient follows the Leongs to Hawaii, haunting them. The parable of the red string of fate, the cord that binds one intended beloved to her perfect match, also punishes for mistakes in love, passing a destructive knot down the family line. When Frank Leong is murdered, his family is thrown into a perilous downward spiral. Left to rebuild in their patriarch's shadow, the surviving members of the Leong family try their hand at a new, ordinary life, vowing to bury their gilded past. Still, the island continues to whisper—fragmented pieces of truth and chatter, until a letter arrives two decades later, carrying a confession that shatters the family even further. Now the Leongs' survival rests with young Theresa, Frank Leong's only grandchild, eighteen and pregnant, the heir apparent to her ancestors' punishing knots. Told through the eyes of the Leong's secret-keeping daughters and wives and spanning the Boxer Rebellion to Pearl Harbor to 1960s Hawaii, *Diamond Head* is a breathtakingly powerful tale of tragic love, shocking lies, poignant compromise, aching loss, heroic acts of sacrifice and, miraculous hope.

The Business of Sex HarperCollins

Longlisted for the Baileys Women's Prize for Fiction
Xing Li is what some Chinese people call a banana - yellow on the outside and white on the inside. Although born and raised in London, she never feels like she fits in. When

her mother dies, she moves with her older brother to live with venomous Grandma, strange Uncle Ho and Hollywood actress Auntie Mei. Her only friend is Jay - a mixed raced Jamaican boy with a passion for classical music. . Then Xing Li's life takes an even harsher turn: the school bullying escalates and her uncle requests she assist him in an unthinkable favour. Her happy childhood becomes a distant memory as her new life is infiltrated with the harsh reality of being an ethnic minority. Consumed by secrets, violence and confusing family relations, Xing Li tries to find hope wherever she can. In order to find her own identity, she must first discover what it means to be both Chinese and British. PP Wong has delivered a unique and realistic young adult drama that is bursting with original content style and emotion. What Reviewers and Readers Say: 'PP Wong has blazed a trail for future British Chinese novelists ... bursting with original and exciting flavours, ' The Independent 'A moving and optimistic debut about orphaned siblings coping with a new strict home and racial bullying, ' The Guardian 'Life of a Banana is so refreshingly distinct. Read it, and you will soon find yourself wanting more, ' Daily Mail 'Impeccably observed, often hilarious, and deeply moving... pitch-perfect, ' David Henry Hwang

Three Souls HarperCollins UK
WARNING: This is not the actual book The Valley of Amazement by Amy Tan. Do not buy this Review if you are looking for a full copy of this great book. Read this literary review of The Valley of Amazement to find out how critics and other readers received Amy Tan's latest novel. In Amy Tan's The Valley of Amazement, Violet is familiar with the life of a courtesan, as her mother runs a popular house in Shanghai. Surrounded by the British-American settlement, Violet is surprised to learn that she is half Chinese. After being kidnapped at the age of 14 and forced to work at another courtesan house, the protagonist continuously struggles with her identity and role as a woman in pre-communist China. The tumultuous culture of early 20th-

century Shanghai adds to the conflict going on in Violet's life. Amy Tan's thorough research shines through as she depicts the sex trade and culture within Shanghai's International Settlement. The portrayal of the relationship between Violet and her mother creates a highly relatable protagonist. The Valley of Amazement is geared more toward adults due to its graphic scenes of sexual content and violence. Readers gain insight into familial relationships, different cultures, and the strength and survival of women. Witness Violet transform as she struggles with her personal identity while immersed in a world of cultural turmoil in The Valley of Amazement.