



Memories of Mount Qilai: The Education of a Young Poet (Modern Chinese Literature From Taiwan)

By Yang Mu

Download now

Read Online →

Memories of Mount Qilai: The Education of a Young Poet (Modern Chinese Literature From Taiwan) By Yang Mu

Hualien, on the Pacific coast of eastern Taiwan, and its mountains, especially Mount Qilai, were deeply inspirational for the young poet Yang Mu. A place of immense natural beauty and cultural heterogeneity, the city was also a site of extensive social, political, and cultural change in the twentieth century, from the Japanese occupation and the American bombings of World War II to the Chinese civil war, the White Terror, and the Cold War.

Taken as a whole, these evocative and allusive autobiographical essays provide a personal response to history as Taiwan transitioned from a Japanese colony to the Republic of China. Yang Mu recounts his childhood experiences under the Japanese, life in the mountains in proximity to indigenous people as his family took refuge from the American bombings, his initial encounters and cultural conflicts with Nationalist soldiers recently arrived from mainland China, the subsequent activities of the Nationalist government to consolidate power, and the island's burgeoning new manufacturing society.

Nevertheless, throughout those early years, Yang Mu remained anchored by a sense of place on Taiwan's eastern coast and amid its coastal mountains, over which stands Mount Qilai like a guardian spirit. This was the formative milieu of the young poet. Yang Mu seized on verse to develop a distinct persona and draw meaning from the currents of change reshuffling his world. These eloquent essays create an exciting, subjective realm meant to transcend the personal and historical limitations of the individual and the end of culture, "plundered and polluted by politics and industry long ago."

↓ [Download Memories of Mount Qilai: The Education of a Young ...pdf](#)

📄 [Read Online Memories of Mount Qilai: The Education of a Youn ...pdf](#)

Memories of Mount Qilai: The Education of a Young Poet (Modern Chinese Literature From Taiwan)

By Yang Mu

Memories of Mount Qilai: The Education of a Young Poet (Modern Chinese Literature From Taiwan)

By Yang Mu

Hualien, on the Pacific coast of eastern Taiwan, and its mountains, especially Mount Qilai, were deeply inspirational for the young poet Yang Mu. A place of immense natural beauty and cultural heterogeneity, the city was also a site of extensive social, political, and cultural change in the twentieth century, from the Japanese occupation and the American bombings of World War II to the Chinese civil war, the White Terror, and the Cold War.

Taken as a whole, these evocative and allusive autobiographical essays provide a personal response to history as Taiwan transitioned from a Japanese colony to the Republic of China. Yang Mu recounts his childhood experiences under the Japanese, life in the mountains in proximity to indigenous people as his family took refuge from the American bombings, his initial encounters and cultural conflicts with Nationalist soldiers recently arrived from mainland China, the subsequent activities of the Nationalist government to consolidate power, and the island's burgeoning new manufacturing society.

Nevertheless, throughout those early years, Yang Mu remained anchored by a sense of place on Taiwan's eastern coast and amid its coastal mountains, over which stands Mount Qilai like a guardian spirit. This was the formative milieu of the young poet. Yang Mu seized on verse to develop a distinct persona and draw meaning from the currents of change reshuffling his world. These eloquent essays create an exciting, subjective realm meant to transcend the personal and historical limitations of the individual and the end of culture, "plundered and polluted by politics and industry long ago."

Memories of Mount Qilai: The Education of a Young Poet (Modern Chinese Literature From Taiwan)

By Yang Mu Bibliography

- Sales Rank: #2676290 in Books
- Published on: 2015-01-20
- Original language: English
- Number of items: 1
- Dimensions: 9.25" h x 6.50" w x 1.00" l, .0 pounds
- Binding: Hardcover
- 296 pages

 [Download Memories of Mount Qilai: The Education of a Young ...pdf](#)

 [Read Online Memories of Mount Qilai: The Education of a Youn ...pdf](#)

Download and Read Free Online Memories of Mount Qilai: The Education of a Young Poet (Modern Chinese Literature From Taiwan) By Yang Mu

Editorial Review

Review

Yang Mu's memoir provides rich insight into the author's personal experience, merging human psychology, history, geography and Taiwan's topography into a thick portrait of life in Taiwan during the middle of the twentieth century.

(Paul Manfredi, Pacific Lutheran University)

Memories of Mount Qilai is a landmark in Taiwanese literature as well as in modern Chinese prose. It has reinvented the genre of literary autobiography by welding together a paean to the beauty of indigenous landscapes and peoples, a penetrating look at the social and political transformations in postwar Taiwan, an honest and moving bildungsroman, and, above all, a poetic language that is supple and sinewy at the same time. Written by one of the greatest poets writing in Chinese in our time, *Memories of Mount Qilai* is a Mount Everest in world literature.

(Michelle Yeh, University of California, Davis)

Yang Mu is one of the greatest living poets in the Chinese language. His *Memories of Mount Qilai* is a key work in which he recounts his formative years in Hualien. Memory and identity are indelibly linked; subtle observations of inner states of mind and the outer world are captured in his neoclassicist, poetically charged prose. A classic of autobiographical writing from Taiwan.

(Göran Malmqvist, member of the Swedish Academy)

From the pen of one of the foremost poets writing in Chinese today, Yang Mu's *Memories of Mount Qilai* plumbs the interior depths of the man and exterior highlights of his homeland, Taiwan. Its musings are at different times humorous, curious, sickened, and angry. No other book like it exists in modern Chinese, and as such it typifies the unique character of this fine author.

(Christopher Lupke, Washington State University)

Beautifully rendered into English by the translation team of John and Yingsih Balcom. This is an impressive feat considering that the power of Yang's prose emerges from its subtle descriptions and lyrical imagery.

(*Taiwan Review*)

About the Author

Yang Mu was born and raised in Taiwan. He taught for many years at the University of Washington, Seattle, and National Donghua University in Hualien. He currently divides his time between Seattle and Hualien. He is the author of more than two dozen prose and poetry collections, including *On the Water Margin*, *Flower*

Season, Lantern Boat, and Legends, as well as the experimental verse drama, *Wu Feng: A Play in Four Acts*. He recently received the Newman Prize for Chinese Literature.

John Balcom teaches at the Monterey Institute of International Studies. Recent publications include Li Rui's *Trees Without Wind* and *Grass Roots: Selected Poems of Xiang Yang*. He is a past president of the American Literary Translators Association.

Yingtsih Balcom is a translator of Western and Chinese literature. She is a regular contributor to *Taiwan Literature* and has translated I. B. Singer's *Shosha* and coedited *Indigenous Writers of Taiwan*.

Users Review

From reader reviews:

Warren Ford:

Now a day people who Living in the era where everything reachable by match the internet and the resources within it can be true or not involve people to be aware of each data they get. How a lot more to be smart in having any information nowadays? Of course the answer is reading a book. Reading a book can help folks out of this uncertainty Information specifically this *Memories of Mount Qilai: The Education of a Young Poet (Modern Chinese Literature From Taiwan)* book since this book offers you rich info and knowledge. Of course the info in this book hundred per cent guarantees there is no doubt in it you probably know this.

Joe Bell:

The publication with title *Memories of Mount Qilai: The Education of a Young Poet (Modern Chinese Literature From Taiwan)* includes a lot of information that you can understand it. You can get a lot of advantage after read this book. This kind of book exist new know-how the information that exist in this publication represented the condition of the world currently. That is important to yo7u to be aware of how the improvement of the world. This specific book will bring you inside new era of the syndication. You can read the e-book on the smart phone, so you can read this anywhere you want.

Karen Horton:

Your reading 6th sense will not betray you actually, why because this *Memories of Mount Qilai: The Education of a Young Poet (Modern Chinese Literature From Taiwan)* book written by well-known writer who knows well how to make book which might be understand by anyone who else read the book. Written inside good manner for you, leaking every ideas and composing skill only for eliminate your own hunger then you still question *Memories of Mount Qilai: The Education of a Young Poet (Modern Chinese Literature From Taiwan)* as good book not simply by the cover but also by the content. This is one e-book that can break don't ascertain book by its include, so do you still needing another sixth sense to pick this specific!?! Oh come on your studying sixth sense already told you so why you have to listening to another sixth sense.

Maria Huffman:

Are you kind of busy person, only have 10 as well as 15 minute in your time to upgrading your mind expertise or thinking skill also analytical thinking? Then you have problem with the book when compared with can satisfy your limited time to read it because all of this time you only find book that need more time to be examine. Memories of Mount Qilai: The Education of a Young Poet (Modern Chinese Literature From Taiwan) can be your answer as it can be read by you who have those short free time problems.

Download and Read Online Memories of Mount Qilai: The Education of a Young Poet (Modern Chinese Literature From Taiwan) By Yang Mu #SWG1NCY2L9D

Read Memories of Mount Qilai: The Education of a Young Poet (Modern Chinese Literature From Taiwan) By Yang Mu for online ebook

Memories of Mount Qilai: The Education of a Young Poet (Modern Chinese Literature From Taiwan) By Yang Mu Free PDF d0wnl0ad, audio books, books to read, good books to read, cheap books, good books, online books, books online, book reviews epub, read books online, books to read online, online library, greatbooks to read, PDF best books to read, top books to read Memories of Mount Qilai: The Education of a Young Poet (Modern Chinese Literature From Taiwan) By Yang Mu books to read online.

Online Memories of Mount Qilai: The Education of a Young Poet (Modern Chinese Literature From Taiwan) By Yang Mu ebook PDF download

Memories of Mount Qilai: The Education of a Young Poet (Modern Chinese Literature From Taiwan) By Yang Mu Doc

Memories of Mount Qilai: The Education of a Young Poet (Modern Chinese Literature From Taiwan) By Yang Mu Mobipocket

Memories of Mount Qilai: The Education of a Young Poet (Modern Chinese Literature From Taiwan) By Yang Mu EPub

SWG1NCY2L9D: Memories of Mount Qilai: The Education of a Young Poet (Modern Chinese Literature From Taiwan) By Yang Mu