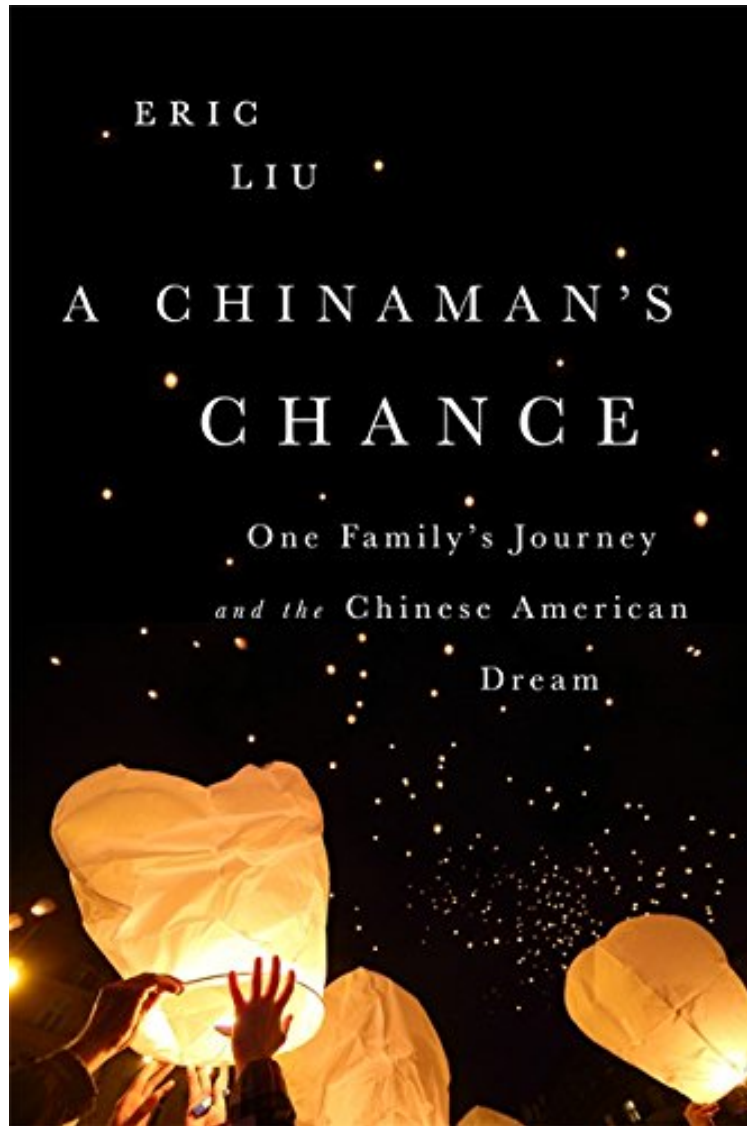


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Eric Liu : A Chinaman's Chance: One Family's Journey and the Chinese American Dream before purchasing it in order to gauge whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised A Chinaman's Chance: One Family's Journey and the Chinese American Dream:

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discovered and associated with much more time-tested Asian/Chinese values. Even his mother has done similar thing by rediscovering and learning traditional Eastern philosophy that were trashed in China in the past 100 years. I also hoped that some of the positive traditional values of the Eastern cultures will gradually be appreciated by and adopted general public in the West, and vice versa, to further strengthen and grow the economy and society, and to facilitate global collaboration. The book could be a little more concise, so I would give 5-star without any hesitation. Thanks Eric for writing such a very helpful book. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Compelling and insightful By Dora Jane Very good analysis of the experience of being Chinese American and what that means both to second generation people as well as how the immigration of Chinese has impacted American culture and families remaining in China. Loved the way he used language and it's translation to demonstrate differences in the way American and Chinese view the world. The author uses scholarly language in this analysis which requires some attention to know the meaning of his words. Written in college level form. I am fascinated with Chinese culture and really enjoyed the book 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Forceful, eloquent By Customer Wonderful meditation on what it means to be Chinese American. Liu articulates my thoughts so eloquently and forcefully!

A thought-provoking and sensitive exploration of what Chineseness means. Financial Times "Liu's ability to so neatly capture the complexities of cultural identity on both deeply personal and more global levels is what makes this book shine. . . . [H]e guides us to see just how our everyday views of 'they' and 'I' are formed . . . and how they change. Seattle Times Eric Liu brilliantly mines the history and experiences of Chinese Americans to draw insights into the current relationship between China and America, and to chart a course for the future. Whip-smart, enlightening, and always entertaining, Liu blends the personal and the socio-political to explore how we as Americans see the world, and each other. David Henry Hwang, Tony Award-winning playwright of *M. Butterfly* When Chinese immigrants first came to the United States in large numbers, they were consigned to the most thankless tasks and roles in society. Thus was born the phrase, a Chinaman's chance--meaning no chance at all. But today Chinese Americans embody a more complicated narrative about opportunity. In this searching, wide-ranging book, Eric Liu traces his family's history, culture, and future, and in so doing pieces together a sense of Chinese American identity and, indeed, American identity itself. Provocative, often playful, always thoughtful, Liu considers the meaning of Confucius in modern life; the unseen role of Chinese Americans in shaping how we read the Constitution, and the made-in-the-USA notion of Tiger parenting. This book is deeply personal yet provides insights into universal matters: identity, family, and the fate of the American idea.

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