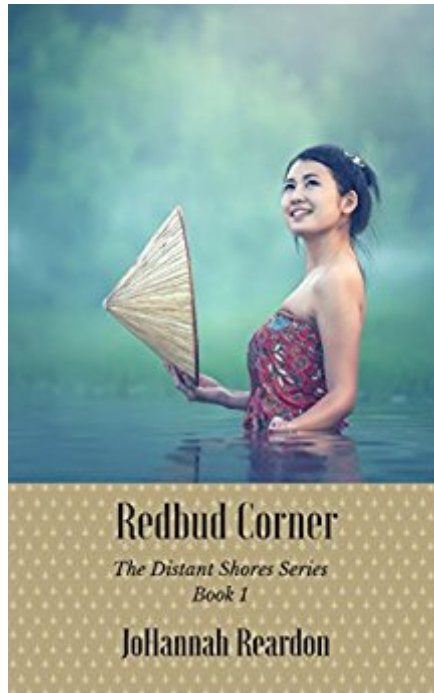




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Synopsis

When a young Chinese girl comes to study at an American university in the quaint little town of Redbud Corner, she meets an intriguing, attractive man who challenges everything she has ever believed in. He tries to persuade her that following the living God will satisfy in a way that wealth and power will never be able to do. Will she listen to him? Or will she choose the handsome, successful man back home in China? Each of the novels in this series is a complete story.

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Customer Reviews

The story is about a young Chinese woman coming to the USA to enter graduate school. Although she is fluent in English, she faces many cultural and political/spiritual challenges. She meets new friends in America who are supportive and encouraging. An unexpected turn of events, her mother's accident causes her to drop her education and return to China. The characters are well described and established. It was interesting and hard to put down. Suspenseful right up to the happy ending.

The story line was good and the characters were fun. I really enjoyed reading how faith and belief in

God changes lives, not just those of the characters, but also thinking of how God works in our every day life.

Although I enjoyed Crispin Point, another JoHanna Reardon book, Redbud Corner was a different story. This story seemed to be a book someone much younger might enjoy. The story was too simple, minimal conflict and resolutions weren't well written. I wasn't all that fond of Ah Ni most of the way through the book. She started out sweet and a hard worker, but she got cocky, then testy at nearly everyone and I couldn't for the life of me see why Wang Yu liked her. She had some good qualities, like when she became friends with a little neglected girl, but then her idea of conflict resolution with a mean coworker was to tell the boss equally as mean things about her to get her fired. Aside from hitting the girl, Ah Ni was just as vindictive as the other girl, and she never felt bad about it, in fact she was proud of herself. It was a very quick read, but I'd say that the level should be more for a teenager than an adult. I like to keep books, but this one I'll probably delete.

I enjoyed the book but there were times when I felt it lacked some depth and jumped too quickly to the next "thing". But I enjoyed reading the book, an easy read.

The story line is good - Chinese girl comes to the US to study, planning to return home and be a good Communist citizen and English teacher. She encounters Christians who invite her to Bible study, where she learns about Christ. She resists their efforts to draw her into the faith, believing only in the god of Communism and living to succeed in life (working as a teacher). The problem is that the book reads pretty much like that paragraph did - sort of like a fifth grader's report on Ah Ni and her experiences. It's a narrative more than a novel. I would love to see the author get help in developing her characters and adding depth of emotion and reflection in them. There could also be more and better descriptions of people and places. The characters each had the potential of being really interesting, but they simply were not developed. I had little idea of what anyone looked like other than hair color and style. Maybe she'll rewrite her book. It could be so much better! I really hope she does.

This was a very enjoyable book. It was about a Chinese girl coming to America. She was in college when someone asked her to come watch a movie about Christ. She fought against becoming a Christian. It gets very interesting from there. Read it you will enjoy it.

A very interesting book about grad students from China who come to the U.S. A. to complete advanced degrees. Some of these students are Christians while others are Communist, and want no part of Christianity. Guo, who is a Christian, falls in love with Ah Ni, who is communist, and wants to convert her. Herein lies the problem. Ah Ni wants to go home, and teach at the university. Guo wants to go home, and be a missionary. Read and find out what happens. I especially liked Ah Nis's relationship with her mother.

I enjoyed the book. It made me realize how privileged we are In America to serve Jesus as our Savior. We at the present time are still free. I pray we can say that in the future as well!

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