

Ms. Ling Zhang (Famous Writer)



Ms. Ling Zhang (M.A. degree in English Literature and Communication Disorders) is an outstanding Chinese Canadian writer with work of high literary value and social relevance. In the course of over 10 years, Ling has published five novels and four collections of novellas and short stories. Her writings, a reflection of her unique life experience, have won her several important literary awards in China. Her novellas *The Lamb*, *Yan's Journey Home* and *The Aftershock*, as well as her fourth novel *Gold Mountain Blues* were ranked, by Chinese Academy of Fiction, as one of the top 10 fictional works in 2003, 2005, 2007 and 2009 respectively. A guest professor of several universities in China, Ling has given talks on Diaspora literature at various academic institutions in China, Canada and U.S.A. In 2009, Ling's novella, *The Aftershock*, was made into a movie, directed by one of the most famous movie-makers in China, Mr. Feng Xiao Gang. This movie, the first IMAX production in China, has become one of the greatest box office successes in China. On September 17th, 2010, Ling presented this movie at the Toronto International Film Festival. Her fourth novel, *GOLD MOUNTAIN BLUES* was published to wide acclaim and became one of the biggest award contenders of the year in China. It has won and been short-listed for several major awards, with international rights sold to twelve territories.