

A THOUSAND MILES OF DREAMS

The Journeys of Two Chinese Sisters

Sasha Su-Ling Welland



BOOK READING AND AUTHOR Q & A

Sunday April 13, 2008, 2:30 pm

1912 Center
412 East Third Street
Moscow, ID 83843

Located between Adams & Van Buren
Across from Moscow High School

~

A THOUSAND MILES OF DREAMS is an evocative and intimate biography of two Chinese sisters who took very different paths in their quest to be independent women. Ling Shuhao arrived in Cleveland in 1925 to study medicine in the middle of a U.S. crackdown on Chinese immigrant communities, and her effort to assimilate began. She became an American named Amy, while her sister Ling Shuhua burst onto the Beijing literary scene as a writer of short fiction. Known as the “Chinese Katherine Mansfield,” Shuhua formed close connections with the Bloomsbury group of writers and artists and settled in London in the late 1940s. The sisters were Chinese “modern girls” who sought to forge their own way in an era of social revolution that unsettled relations between men and women, and among nations.

SASHA SU-LING WELLAND has woven together, in this biography, the remarkable lives of her grandmother and great-aunt. She is assistant professor of anthropology and women studies at the University of Washington. ~ www.sashawelland.com ~

~ Sponsored by the Palouse Asian American Association ~