

Jung Chang

Celebrated Author of 'Wild Swans'

"A compelling writer and raconteur"



Dr. Jung Chang is the author of the best-selling books 'Wild Swans - Three Daughters of China' (the most read book about China) and 'Mao: The Unknown Story' (co-written with Jon Halliday). Both books have been translated into more than 30 languages, and together sold some 15 million copies.

TOPICS:

- o 'Wild Swans' - Life's Journey
- o Globalisation: The People Factor
- o Meeting the Challenge of the 21st Century
- o Mao Zedong - Lessons to be Learned

LANGUAGES:

She presents in English and Chinese.

PUBLICATIONS:

- 2019** Big Sister, Little Sister, Red Sister: Three Women at the Heart of Twentieth-Century China
- 2013** Empress Dowager Cixi: The Concubine Who Launched Modern China
- 2005** Mao - The Unknown Story
- 1991** Wild Swans - Three Daughters of China

IN DETAIL:

Born in Yibin, Sichuan Province, China in 1952, Jung Chang worked as a peasant, a 'barefoot' doctor, a steelworker and an electrician before becoming an English Language student and later, an assistant lecturer at Sichuan University. She left China for Britain in 1978 and was awarded a scholarship by York University, where she obtained a PhD in Linguistics in 1982 - the first person from the People's Republic of China to receive a doctorate from a British University. She has also been awarded honorary doctorates from the Universities of Buckingham, York, Warwick and the Open University and Bowdoin College, USA.

WHAT SHE OFFERS YOU:

Her spellbinding lectures charting the dramatic developments in 20th century China provide a truly unique but ultimately inspiring and uplifting experience and help to understand the challenges of 21st Century globalisation. The lessons to be learned from her highly acclaimed book 'Mao - the Unknown Story' add tremendously to the understanding of Chinese culture and development.

HOW SHE PRESENTS:

A gifted storyteller, her presentations stimulate emotions and leave audiences reflecting upon her powerful and moving messages, taking them on a thoughtful and, at times, emotional journey.