

APPENDICES

SYNOPSIS

Precious Auntie is the daughter of a great Bonesetter. Her family collects the bones with high quality and they help other people with their broken bones. Precious Auntie loves Baby Uncle. They decide to get married. But before they get married, they do a premarital sex in an old barn. Unfortunately on the day of Precious Auntie and Baby Uncle get married, an opium seller, namely Chang who also loves Precious Auntie kills Precious Auntie's father. Chang also kills Baby Uncle.

When Baby Uncle's family knows about Precious Auntie's pregnancy, they feel ashamed of the fact that Precious Auntie has already been pregnant before she and Baby Uncle get married. Baby Uncle's mother wants Precious Auntie to leave her house. But before Baby Uncle's mother tells to Precious Auntie that she has to leave her house, Precious Auntie tries to kill herself by drinking boiled ink. However her attempt fails but her face becomes black and

burned so people do not recognize her face again. Eventually, Baby Uncle's mother keeps Precious Auntie as LuLing's nanny because she is afraid that Baby Uncle's Ghost exists in her dream and tells her not to hurt Precious Auntie.

LuLing actually is Precious Auntie's daughter but Big Uncle, Baby Uncle's brother and his wife have adopted LuLing since LuLing was a baby. LuLing is going to get married with the son of Chang's family. But Precious Auntie does not agree with it. She tells LuLing not to marry Chang's son. But LuLing disobeys Precious Auntie's advice. It causes Precious Auntie to commit suicide and die. Then, LuLing does not marry Chang's son because Big Uncle's business in Beijing is burned.

Big Uncle and his wife send LuLing to an orphanage. There, she meets her first husband, namely Pan Kai Jing. But he dies in war. Then she moves to the USA followed with Gaoling. LuLing meets her second husband, Edwin Young. They have a daughter, namely Ruth Luyi Young. LuLing suffers from Alzheimer when she gets old. Ruth and LuLing often have arguments. But after LuLing is sick, Ruth is willing to listen to LuLing's past story. At last they can understand each other. Ruth feels that she has to listen to Precious Auntie's and LuLing's past story in order to understand more about her mother and her past.

BIOGRAPHY

Amy Tan was born on February 19th, 1952, in Oakland, California. After her father, John Tan, and her older brother died, Amy, her mother, and her younger brother moved to Europe.

She met her boyfriend, named Lou De Matei in Mc Minville, Oregon. They were married in 1974. She received a bachelor's degree in English and Linguistics in San Jose City College; San Jose State University. She studied jazz piano. She also began to write fiction. Her first book is named "Endgame". This book made her won her admission to the Squaw Valley writer's workshop. At 1989, Tan's book won enthusiastic reviews. It spent eight months on the New York Times best-seller list.

She wrote The Joy Luck Club (1989), The Kitchen God's Wife, The Hundred Secrets Senses, and two children books, The Moon Lady and The Chinese Siamese Cat. She was a co-producer and co-screenwriter of the film version of The Joy Luck Club. As well, her essays and stories have appeared in numerous magazines and anthologies. She also wrote The Bonesetter's Daughter (2001), The Opposite of Fate: A Book of Musings (2003), her latest fabulous work.

As a teenager, Tan had difficulty accepting her Chinese heritage. She wanted to look like an American-to be an American. At one point, she even slept with a clothespin on her nose, hoping to change its shape. She prefers chose American over Chinese whenever she had the opportunity and tells her independence in any way that she could. She dreamed of being a writer, while her parents want her to become a neurosurgeon or concert pianist.

Tan became even more rebellious, dating a German who was associated with drug dealers and had serious mental problems. Then Amy went with her boyfriend back to California where she attended San Jose City College as an English and linguistics major. Tan's mother did not speak to her for six months after her last rebellion.