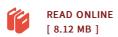




Six Chapters from My Life Downunder

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University of Washington Press. Paperback. Condition: New. 128 pages. Dimensions: 8.3in. x 5.4in. x 0.6in.By now the world is familiar with the disastrous consequences of the ten year period (1966-1976) in Chinas history known as the Great Proletarian Cultural Revolution. The mistakes of Mao Zedongs later years have been officially acknowledged, and the infamous Gang of Four publicly tried and sentence for their crimes. But on the cultural front the thaw had no sooner come than gone. A campaign against what is regarded as spiritual pollution is being waged to inhibit free expression among creative writers. Thousands of scholars, authors, respected professors and academicians, who as a class were the most persecuted in what some observers called Chinas holocaust, are back at their respective stations, bent over the task of modernization. For understandable reasons, few have written candidly about their experiences during the Cultural Revolution. Yang Jiang is an outstanding exception. In this memoir she give a poignant account of the more than two years she and her husband were sent downunder to the barren countryside for reeducation through labor. Yang Jiang touches upon any horrendous acts only in passing, or by indirection; mainly she relates in well-tempered tones the...



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