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**Celebrated Author Maxine Hong Kingston  
To Read at HKUST**

Maxine Hong Kingston, author of *The Woman Warrior*, *China Men* and *Tripmaster Monkey*, will give a reading at the Hong Kong University of Science and Technology this Thursday, the 25th of November.

The reading will take place at 5 p.m. in Lecture Theatre D on the HKUST campus. Included in the reading will be selections from the novel she is currently writing, dealing with the Chinese myth of a lost "Book of Peace."

Kingston's first book, *The Woman Warrior*, was widely acclaimed as one of those breakthrough works that define a cultural moment as they help to bring it into being. An exploration of female identity, it was called by the *New York Times* "dizzying, elemental, a poem turned into a sword."

*China Men*, a treatment of Chinese immigration to the U.S., was equally applauded: "A triumph of the highest order -- of imagination, of language, of moral perception" (*New York Times Book Review*).

On university campuses in the U.S., Maxine Hong Kingston is the most widely read living American author.

Born in Stockton, Maxine Hong Kingston grew up in California and graduated from the University of California at Berkeley, where she was much involved in the political activism of the sixties. Later she moved to Hawaii with her husband and son and lived there for fifteen years. She is currently a professor of English at UC Berkeley.

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