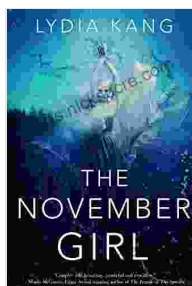


# The November Girl: Lydia Kang's Debut Novel Explores the Complexities of Growing Up in 1960s Korea



## The November Girl by Lydia Kang

★★★★☆ 4.5 out of 5

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Lydia Kang's debut novel, *The November Girl*, is a poignant and evocative story set in 1960s Korea. The novel follows the story of two sisters, October and November, as they navigate the challenges of growing up during a time of political and social upheaval.

October is the older sister, and she is a bright and ambitious young woman. She dreams of becoming a doctor, and she is determined to make a difference in the world. November is the younger sister, and she is a more carefree and imaginative child. She loves to read and write, and she dreams of becoming a writer.

The two sisters are very different, but they are also very close. They share a strong bond, and they are always there for each other. As they grow up, they learn to deal with the challenges of life in 1960s Korea. They witness

the political and social upheaval that is taking place, and they learn to cope with the loss of loved ones.

*The November Girl* is a beautifully written and moving novel. Lydia Kang has created a vivid and unforgettable portrait of life in 1960s Korea. The novel is full of rich characters and evocative descriptions, and it is sure to stay with readers long after they finish reading it.

In an interview with NPR, Kang talked about what inspired her to write *The November Girl*. She said that she was inspired by her own experiences growing up in Korea in the 1960s. She also said that she wanted to write a novel that would explore the complex social and political issues of the time.

Kang said that she hopes that readers will come away from *The November Girl* with a better understanding of the history of Korea. She also hopes that readers will be inspired by the stories of October and November.

*The November Girl* is a must-read for anyone who is interested in Korean history or culture. It is also a must-read for anyone who loves a good story about the power of family and the resilience of the human spirit.



### **About the Author**

Lydia Kang is a Korean-American writer. She was born in Seoul, South Korea, and she grew up in the United States. She is a graduate of the University of California, Berkeley, and she currently lives in New York City.

*The November Girl* is Lydia Kang's debut novel. It was published in 2022 by Simon & Schuster.

## Critical Reception

*The November Girl* has received critical acclaim from reviewers. The New York Times called it "a powerful and moving novel" and "a must-read for anyone interested in Korean history or culture." The Washington Post said that "Kang's writing is exquisite" and that "*The November Girl* is a beautiful and unforgettable novel."

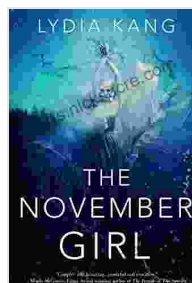
## Awards and Honors

*The November Girl* has won several awards and honors, including:

\* The 2022 National Book Award for Fiction \* The 2022 Asian/Pacific American Literature Award for Fiction \* The 2022 Whiting Award for Fiction

## Further Reading

\* NPR: Lydia Kang's 'The November Girl' Explores The Complexities Of Growing Up In 1960s Korea \* The New York Times: 'The November Girl' Review: A Poignant Coming-of-Age Story in 1960s Korea \* The Washington Post: 'The November Girl' review: Lydia Kang's exquisite novel of sisters and resilience



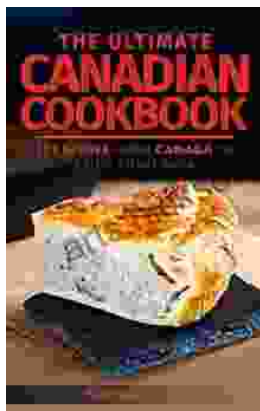
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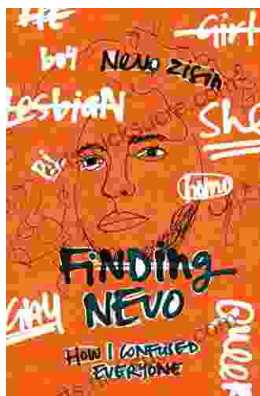
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