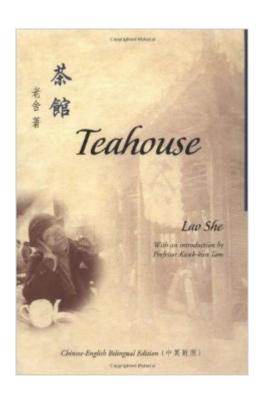
## The book was found

# Teahouse (Bilingual Series In Modern Chinese Literature)





## **Synopsis**

Set in an old teahouse in Beijing, the play is typical of Lao She's art that seeks to provide a panoramic view of Chinese history and culture in their transformation from tradition to modernity. Teahouse spans fifty years in modern Chinese history from the collapse of the Qing dynasty and the Republican Revolution to the birth of the People's Republic. The play brings together over sixty characters, representing all walks of life in change. It is noted for its vivid portrayal of characters and lively use of Beijing dialect, but its main thrust lies in Lao She's vision of history, which is prophetic of later political movements and its disastrous effects on the average Chinese people. Teahouse is a rare masterpiece of the contemporary Chinese theatre. It has been performed in Japan, Europe and North America, and translated into major foreign languages.

#### **Book Information**

Series: Bilingual Series in Modern Chinese Literature

Paperback: 150 pages

Publisher: The Chinese University Press; Bilingual edition (October 27, 2004)

Language: English

ISBN-10: 9629961253

ISBN-13: 978-9629961251

Product Dimensions: 5.6 x 0.5 x 8.5 inches

Shipping Weight: 3.2 ounces (View shipping rates and policies)

Average Customer Review: 4.8 out of 5 stars Â See all reviews (4 customer reviews)

Best Sellers Rank: #388,421 in Books (See Top 100 in Books) #33 in Books > Literature &

Fiction > Dramas & Plays > Regional & Cultural > Asian #72 in Books > Textbooks > Humanities

> Literature > World Literature > Asian #463 in Books > Textbooks > Humanities > Performing

Arts > Theater

### **Customer Reviews**

Novelist and playwright Lao She's difficult life in China; his illustrious career there, in London and in New York; and his suicide by drowning in Beijing in 1966 were briefly described in Evan Osnos' recent book, "Age of Ambition." An urge to learn more about Lao She prompted me to buy this bilingual volume of his best play, which includes a superb Introduction to his life and works. Although the People's Republic of China honored Lao She as a "People's Artist" and a "Great Master of Language," fanatical Red Guards during the Cultural Revolution beat and humiliated him to the point of ultimate protest by suicide. The plot and dialogue of this drama display the same brave

authenticity as his death. Its three acts portray the social, economic, political and moral state of China during three generations: (1) in 1898, near the end of the Qing or Manchu Dynasty; (2) in 1917, during the early years of the Republic of China; and (3) in 1945, after the Japanese occupation but before establishment of the Peoples Republic in 1949. The eloquent, Brechtian orations of "Oddball Yang" that introduce each act are grouped in the single Appendix. This drama takes place in the the traditional, but evolving, Yutai Teahouse in Beijing, where we hear the voices of more than 60 characters as they appear and re-appear in the play. Amid this diversity of lives over a span of 50 years, certain continuities are clear--poverty, corruption, and official notices on the teahouse walls, "Don't discuss state affairs."In addition to an arresting drama that evokes half a century of modern Chinese history, this bilingual edition )with English and simplified Hanzi characters on facing pages) is an excellent text for students of Chinese language, such as myself.

#### Download to continue reading...

Teahouse (Bilingual Series in Modern Chinese Literature) The Dim Sum Field Guide: A Taxonomy of Dumplings, Buns, Meats, Sweets, and Other Specialties of the Chinese Teahouse Spanish kids books: Me Encanta Compartir I Love to Share (bilingual spanish-english, bilingual spanish children's books, libros infantiles) (Spanish English Bilingual Collection) (Spanish Edition) The True Story of Ah Q (Bilingual Series on Modern Chinese Literature) The Columbia Anthology of Modern Chinese Literature (Modern Asian Literature Series) Chinese Cookbook - 25 Delicious Chinese Recipes to Chinese Food Made Easy: Recipes from Chinese Restaurants This Next New Year: (Chinese-English Bilingual Edition) (Chinese Edition) Oxford Picture Dictionary English-Chinese: Bilingual Dictionary for Chinese speaking teenage and adult students of English (Oxford Picture Dictionary 2E) Integrated Chinese: Level 2, Part 1 (Simplified and Traditional Character) Character Workbook (Cheng & Tsui Chinese Language Series) (Chinese Edition) Integrated Chinese: Level 1, Part 2 Workbook (Traditional Character, 3rd Edition) (Cheng & Tsui Chinese Language Series) (Chinese Edition) HAPPY CHINESE NEW YEAR. Kids Coloring Book.: Children Activity Books with 30 Coloring Pages of Chinese Dragons, Red Lanterns, Fireworks, Firecrackers, ... 3-8 to Celebrate Their Fun Chinese New Year! Chinese Hot Pot Cookbook - Your Favorite Chinese Hot Pot Recipe Book: No Other Chinese Cookbook Can Compare 49 Awesome Chinese Recipes (The Ultimate Chinese Cookbook That Brings an Entire American Chinese Buffet to Your Dinner Table) Chinese Recipes. Delicious Chinese Recipes For All The Family: Easy & Tasty Chinese Cookbook The Chinese Cookbook: 50 Great Recipes from the Chinese Kitchen (Chinese Cooking) Chinese Cooking: No Wok Takeout! 80 Amazingly Delicious 3 Steps Or Less Chinese Recipes Revealed (Chinese Cookbook, Cooking For One) (cookbook for beginners, ... meals cookbook, easy meals for one 2) AIDS Literature and Gay Identity: The Literature of Loss (Routledge Studies in Twentieth-Century Literature) Guide to Law and Literature for Teachers, Students, and Researchers: Companion Text to Literature and Legal Problem Solving: Law and Literature As Ethical Discourse Poetry of Mao Zedong: Bilingual Edition, English and Chinese æ >æ 东è —è • 300 Tang Poems: Bilingual Edition, English and Chinese å"•詩三ç™ é⊢

<u>Dmca</u>