In this book we record the multiple means of becoming Asian American, participating in the great democratic experiment. Now we reveal that each of us has our own unique set of experiences, but we have universal memories as well. We are not alone as Asian Americans, any more than we are all the same.
—Frank H. Wu, from the foreword

This is a special book. Between its covers, people write with incredible honesty. There is pain, joy, bitterness, and laughter. Readers cannot help but be moved, though no two people will experience exactly the same feelings. The glimpses they get of such deep emotions will do the book’s work of conveying the rich and unique range of experiences of being Asian American in the Midwest, far from the larger communities on the East and West coasts.