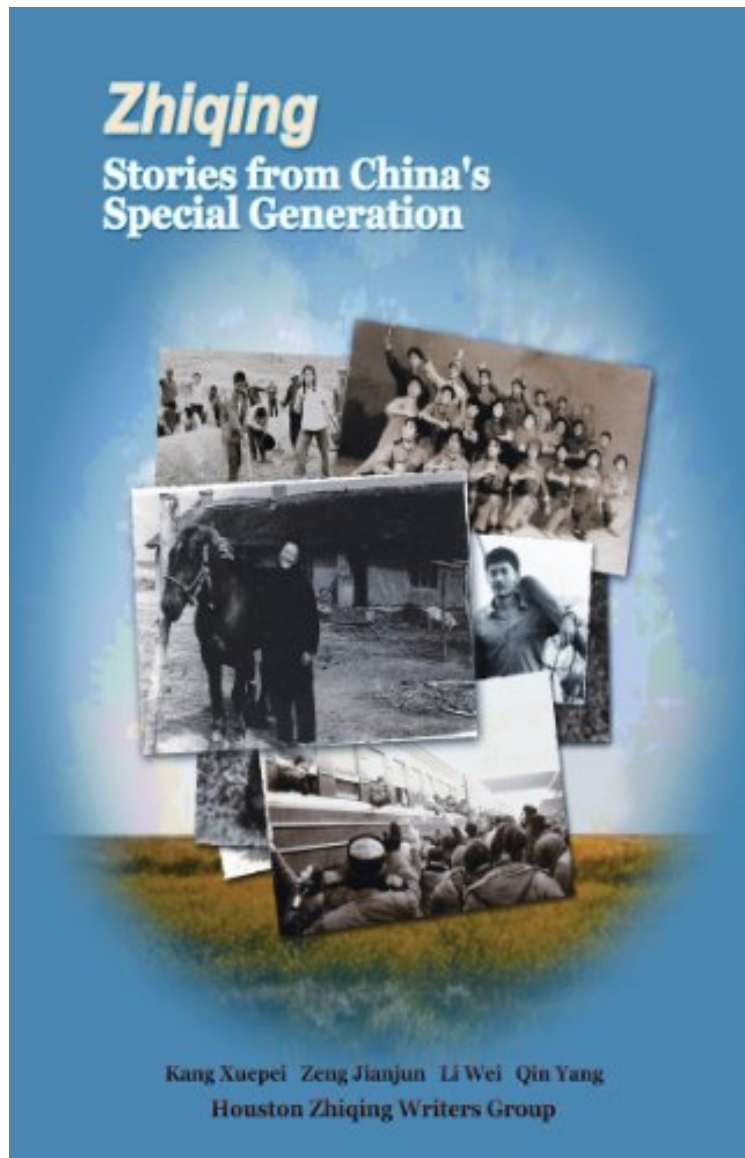


[Free read ebook] Zhiqing: Stories From China's Special Generation

Zhiqing: Stories From China's Special Generation

From Texas Review Press

**Download PDF / ePub / DOC / audiobook / ebooks*



[Download](#)

[Read Online](#)

#4243188 in Books Texas Review Press 2014-10-14 Original language: English PDF # 1 8.50 x .68 x 5.50l, .0
#File Name: 1937875695240 pages | File size: 45.Mb

From Texas Review Press : Zhiqing: Stories From China's Special Generation before purchasing it in order to gauge whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Zhiqing: Stories From China's Special Generation:

0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Anti communist approach on Chinese Cultural Revolution By Ricardo Finocchiaro I feel the stories included in this book have a pronounced bias against communism. There is no story with another point of view. 1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Honest and vivid life stories By Jane

Larson Few Americans have traversed such deep cultural and social divides as the writers of these Zhiqing stories--first as urban, educated youth "sent down" to the countryside to harden themselves and learn from the peasants, and later as immigrants to the United States where they have hurdled a new set of challenges to become professionals and business people in Houston, Texas. What is remarkable is that the Zhiqing experience cannot be forgotten. A rite of passage imposed on them by Chairman Mao during the Cultural Revolution, the Zhiqing experience as revealed in these unvarnished stories ultimately helped push these ambitious youths to leave China permanently. The stories may have been written originally as a cathartic release of haunting memories but they are edited beautifully for a Western audience. Except for a few of the contributors such as the editor Kang Xuepei, most of authors are not professional writers, yet they have learned to describe their experiences vividly and honestly. I recommend it to anyone who wants to understand how the Cultural Revolution and China's political system has affected individual Chinese lives. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Actual stories from educated youths who were sent down to the country by Mao Tse Tung during Cultural Revolution in China. By Allen Zhiqing - Stories from China's Special Generation This book contains a gripping set of real stories from a group of "educated youth" – those who were sent to the country by Mao Tse Tung to "learn how to keep China red - from the farmers" during the Cultural Revolution in Communist China in the 60's. These thirteen remarkable authors relate their tales from that very difficult time – discussing the lessons they learned, the decisions they made and the journey they took through their teenage and young adult years - typically far from home and family. I have a great deal of respect for the Zhiqing – because it is hard to imagine how most of them got through this ordeal and then were able to function so well. This is a special generation of people – sharpened by the well-honed knives of Mao's Cultural Revolution. One way that this volume stands out, is you are able to ascertain something of who these particular Zhiqing became. They wrote of their lives mostly from the decade 1966-1976 - but you can see from their biographies a snapshot of what they are like forty years later. I originally read this edition because I know four of the contributors, but, I read all of it because the history was so fascinating and it just pulled me in. The elements of these anecdotes – work, sorrow, humor, marriage and death - make this is an absorbing read which I found difficult to put down. If you are pulled toward memoirs of folks who figured out how to survive under stress and deprivation for so many years and then turned out like just the people you would want to live next door to, then you will appreciate the persistence and strength demonstrated in the narratives by this special generation.

Zhiqing: Stories from China's Special Generation presents the recollections of fourteen men and women who were "sent down" to the countryside during China's Great Proletarian Cultural Revolution (1966–1976). Teenagers or young adults at the time, the authors left school to heed Mao's call for China's "educated youth" (zhiqing) to go to the poorest provinces and distant borders, where they worked with the local people in villages or on military farms and construction teams. From the Great Northern Wilderness to Hainan Island, their true-to-life stories illustrate the harsh realities of rural existence and Cultural Revolution politics while focusing on personal joys and miseries. While not meant as a political statement, these stories serve as a powerful testimony to the experience of an entire Chinese generation. "It was my distinct pleasure to have served as in-house editor of Kang Xuepei's *In the Countryside*, which was initially her masters of arts thesis at SHSU. It was hard to imagine the horrors that these Chinese youth had to go through during that period of Mao's experiment in social engineering and more amazing to realize that most of them came through it all without intense bitterness toward those who thrust them into such perilous and uncomfortable circumstances. In this book you will find a sampling of the experiences of zhiqing from many perspectives written in strikingly fine prose."—Paul Ruffin, director, Texas Review Press

About the Author KANG XUEPEI, a zhiqing from 1969–1974 in Jia Shan County, Anhui province, had a book, *In The Countryside*, published by Texas Press. Living in Houston, she is self-employed. LI WEI, a resident of Houston, was a zhiqing from 1968–1975 in Shanxi and Hebei provinces. She has been an instructor at Lone Star College since 1992. QIN YANG, a zhiqing from 1974–1978 in Guangyuan County, Sichuan province, currently works in Houston at Air Liquide America Corporation as chief chemist. ZENG JIANJUN, a zhiqing from 1968–1973 in Beidahuang in Northeastern China, has been a research scientist with the University of Houston since 2007.