

Shouting From China by Helene Chung (Penguin, 324pp, \$16.99). Updated with new chapters on the democracy movement and its aftermath, this book was deservedly successful when it first appeared in 1988. The author, ABC Radio's first woman correspondent in Beijing, is a fourth-generation Australian Chinese. Her struggles to learn Mandarin, fruitless searches for possible distant relatives and her reactions to daily life in China give the book a personal touch. Chung has an MA in history and is an experienced journalist, so there is more to her book than personal touches. China's ambivalent attitude to overseas Chinese, increased prosperity and increased crime, a widening gap between rich and poor, and Chung's reports and later thoughts on Tiananmen make this an informative, thought-provoking read.