



The Obedient Child

by Joyce Marleau

One woman's decision changed the course of her Ting family for generations

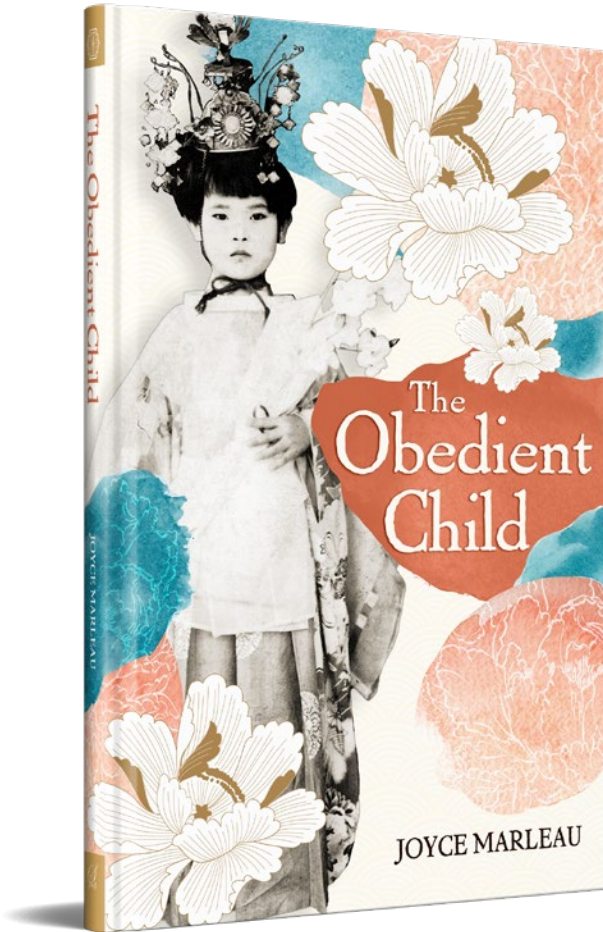
When Chwen Erl got on a plane bound for the United States at the age of 19, not only had she never flown before, but she had never been outside of Taiwan. Having lived through the Japanese occupation of her country, the second World War, and then Chinese government rule, she was no stranger to change. But with a dream of an American education and a scholarship to attend a university in Atchison, Kansas, she left behind her family and everything she knew and stepped into the unknown under a new name, Joyce.

Years later, a chance meeting with notable author Alan Drury sparked within Joyce Marleau a dream to write down her extraordinary life story in a book. *The Obedient Child* is the realization of that dream, more than two decades in the making.

Journey with Joyce through Asia and the United States in *The Obedient Child*.



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JOYCE MARLEAU has been known by many names throughout her life. Jun Ji to her earliest classmates, later as Chwen Erl, and now to some she is Alegria. But her husband Joe calls her Joyce, and by any other name she would be just as cheerful, pragmatic, resilient, and occasionally even obedient. Born under the Japanese occupation of Taiwan in 1933, proudly named “Obedient Child” by her father,

Joyce has lived one of those rare, exceptional lives. Contact Joyce at jojomar@comcast.net.



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