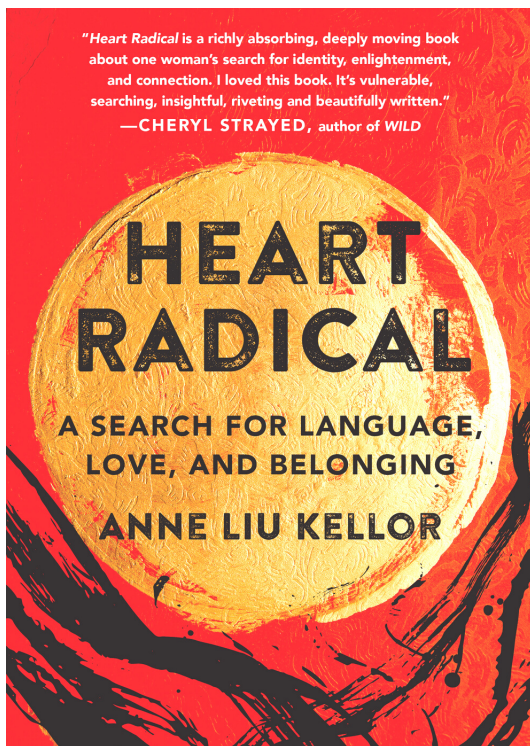




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A SEARCH FOR LANGUAGE, LOVE, AND BELONGING  
BY ANNE LIU KELLOR



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## A MIXED-RACE CHINESE AMERICAN WOMAN'S JOURNEY FROM SEATTLE TO CHINA AND BACK

Anne grew up speaking both English and Chinese, but spoke less Chinese as she grew older. Wanting to understand how her path is tied to her mother tongue, in her early twenties she leaves home to travel through China, the country of her mother's birth. Along the way, Anne tries on different roles— seeker, teacher, student, girlfriend, artist, and daughter—while continually asking herself: Why am I called to make this journey?

Whether witnessing a Tibetan sky burial, teaching English in Chengdu, visiting her grandmother in LA, or falling in love with a Chinese painter, Anne is always in pursuit of intimacy with others, even as she is all too aware of her silences and separation. Ultimately, Anne realizes that to live her truth she must embrace all of her influences and layers. She learns how it is okay to keep starting over again, and that home is found within.

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