

MISSIONARIES, MADAMS, SPIES & SCRIBES: THE WOMEN OF OLD SHANGHAI

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SHANGHAI

THE ENVIRONMENT THAT SHAPED THEM

Reformers & Missionaries



REFORMERS

Fallout from Opium Wars,
1842

Rejection of Confucian
tradition

Modernization in every
sphere



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MISSIONARIES





FOUR CURRENTS

Education

Political Power

Birth Control

Women in the Workforce



THE MISSIONARY LYDIA MARY FAY SHANGHAI: 1850-1878



First American female missionary
sent to China

Bishop Boone's boarding school

Skilled translator

Established Duane Hall
Theological Seminary



“My life has been a path of loneliness and lowliness of service”

THE MADAM GRACIE GALE SHANGHAI: 1915-1937

“American Girls”

Gracie's Business Innovations

- High class bordello
- Wholesome American girls
- “Love on a chit”

The end of The Line



THE EXPLORER SU-LIN YOUNG SHANGHAI: 1934-49

First female Chinese
explorer – Roosevelt
expeditions

Journalist for North China
Daily News; China Journal

Radio DJ, US Armed Forces
Network (Taiwan)



Young Family / Courtes

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Graduated from
Cooper Medical
College, 1893

Mary Black Hospital,
Suzhou

Shelters & Margaret
Williamson Hospital,
Shanghai

Fearn Sanitorium

THE DOCTOR
ANNE WALTER FEARN
SHANGHAI: 1908-1938

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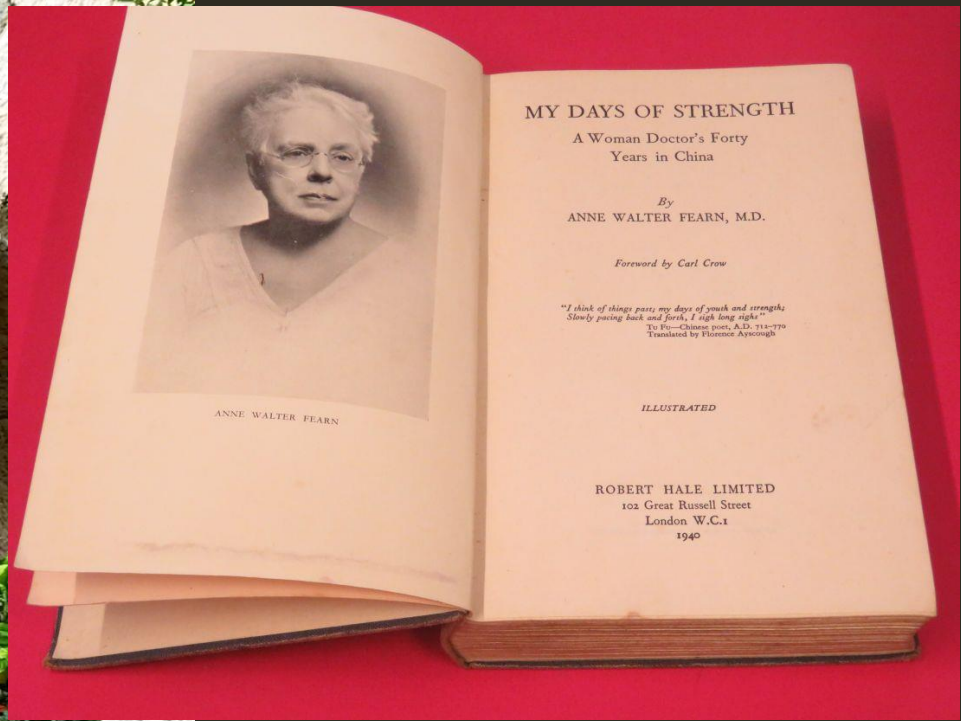


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THE BANKER YAN SHUHE SHANGHAI: 1885 - 1969

1924 – Opened Women's
Commercial & Savings Bank

Clientele

Bank building

After the revolution



MISS S. Y. NYIEN
嚴叔和女士
(Yen Shu-Ho)

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SHANG HAI JINBO MING YAN MING JIU ZHUAN MAI DIAN

上海金波名烟名酒专卖店

防安保

ICBC

中国工商银行

THE ICONOCLAST

EMILY HAHN

SHANGHAI: 1935-1941

'Female mind' & mining engineering

Belgian Congo

"Girl Reporter"

Zou Taofen & Victor Sassoon

Opium & Mr. Mills

Prolific writer



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“NOBODY SAID NOT
TO GO”



THE FASHION DESIGNER
**ELEONORA
GARNETT**
SHANGHAI 1920-1949

Tsars Household Cavalry

Bolshevik Tragedy

Shanghai Tragedy

Edward Molyneux

Madame Garnett's Salon



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THE SOCIAL ACTIVIST CORA DENG SHANGHAI: 1925-1996

May 4th & women's role

Marriage & Ginling College

YWCA night schools

Post 49:

- Advised on religious issues;
- Official rep: All-China Women's Federation at CPPC
- General Secretary, YMCA in 1950

Christianity was the source of her identity and her social activism was always grounded in her religious beliefs



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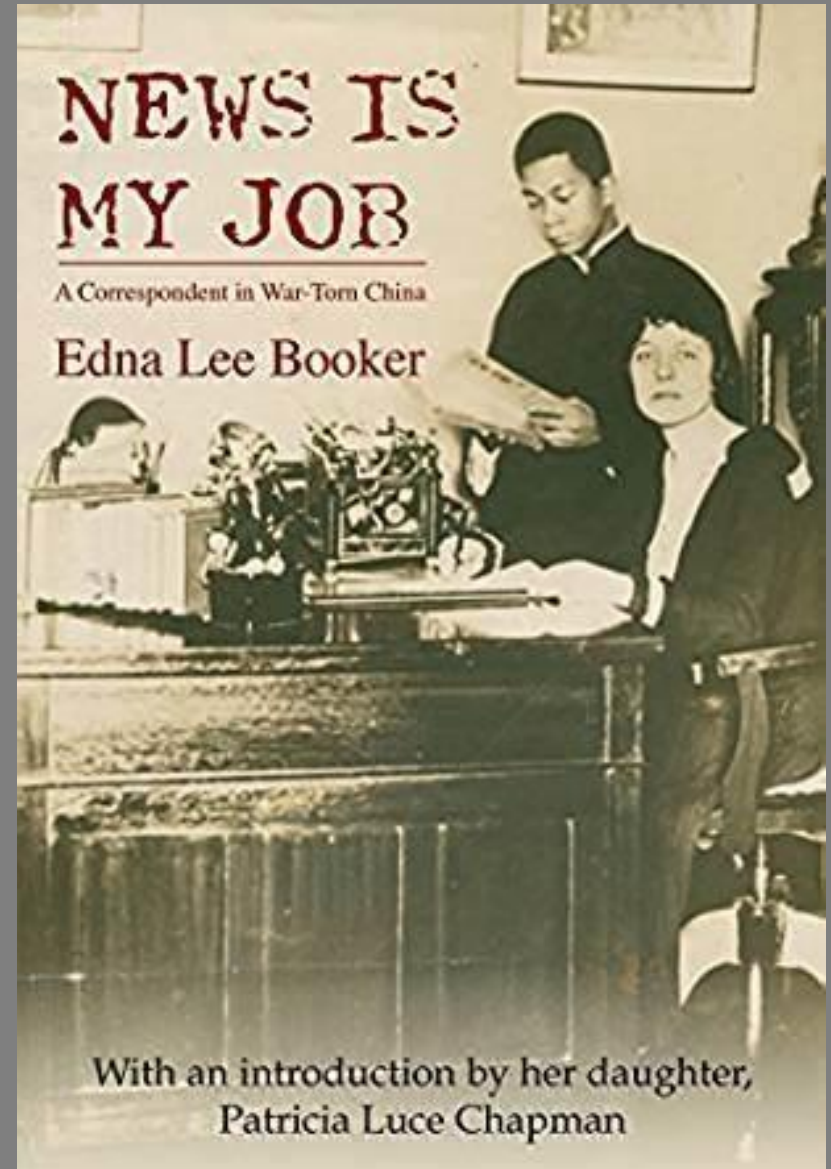
THE JOURNALIST EDNA LEE BOOKER SHANGHAI: 1922- 1937

Foreign correspondent &
“girl reporter”

...and Society Hostess

Scoops:

- Wu Pei-fu
- Sun Yat-sen
- May 30



THE REVOLUTIONARY AGNES SMEDLEY SHANGHAI: 1930S



Poor mining family

Indian independence

Yan'an

Triple agent?

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THE SURVIVOR DAISY KWOK SHANGHAI 1909- 1998

Heiress to Wing On
Department Store

Co-owned Tsingyi Salon

Resilience during Cultural
Revolution

“I wouldn't change a
thing”



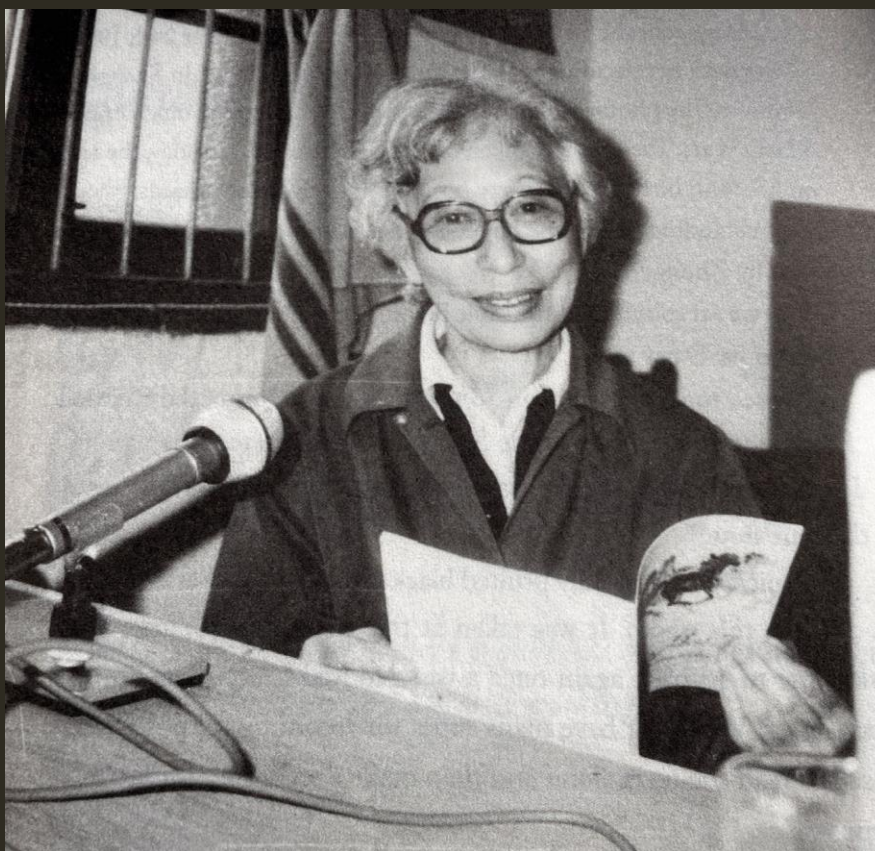
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“I WOULD LIKE TO USE THIS AS MY MEMORIAL PHOTO
BECAUSE IT PROVES I AM WORKING”





THE WOMEN OF OLD SHANGHAI WERE

Iconoclasts & trailblazers

Independent

Resilient

Career women

Unafraid of male-dominated industries

Agitated for social reform

Stood up for what they believed

BE LIKE THE WOMEN OF OLD SHANGHAI!

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