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NYQ Books[™] announces the release of *Yellow Plum Season* by Pui Ying Wong



New York, NY - NYQ Books is proud to announce the release of Pui Ying Wong's first full-length collection of poetry, *Yellow Plum Season*. *Yellow Plum Season* is visually lush and reflective; and characterized by intimate descriptions of place, memory and dream. *In Yellow Plum Season*, Wong speaks as a traveler from lands known and unknown yet creates a terrain all her own. She writes with delicacy and precision, small but complex narratives that cover a range of emotional landscapes. These are poems both personal and universal; poems that engage the reader in the human experiences of both loss and love, heartache but also moments of joy; and ultimately connects the reader to the desire for every aspect of life.

Lee Slonimsky writes, "Yellow Plum Season is the debut collection of a poet whose stunning work has no real precedent.... And when gazing at the Chinese versions that start each section, the reader becomes fluent in Chinese, for the power this book has at its core is the radiance and meaning of poetry, a global language. I have never read a more remarkable collection!" And Cathy Essinger says of Yel-

low Plum Season: "Pui Ying Wong's poems take us on journeys both intimate and universal, across several continents to find 'what world is still possible,' even though 'there are no more tickets to where you want to go.' She reads the heart without flinching—rejecting the easy metaphors. Wong gives us urban landscapes: New York, Paris, Hong Kong—grounded in imagination, memory and everyday living. Yellow Plum Season is an honest and moving book of poems from a very accomplished poet." And Nick Carbó says that "Yellow Plum Season...is a gift....This book is a gift you will keep for a very long time."

Pui Ying Wong is a native of Hong Kong and is bilingual in English and Chinese. She is the author of two chapbooks: *Mementos* (Finishing Line Press, 2007), *Sonnet for a New Country* (Pudding House Press, 2008).

Her poems have appeared in *The Asian Pacific American Journal*, *Blue Fifth Review*, *Chiron Review*, *DMQ Review*, *5 AM*, *New York Quarterly*, and *Poetz*. Her poems in Chinese have appeared in *China Press* and *New World Poetry*. She lives in Brooklyn with her husband, the poet Tim Suermondt.

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