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Qiu Xiaolong



Novelist and Poet

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QIU XIAOLONG is the author of five novels, *Death of a Red Heroine*, *A Loyal Character Dancer*, *When Red Is Black*, *A Case of Two Cities*, *Red Mandarin Dress* in the critically acclaimed, award-winning Inspector Chen series set in Shanghai, "a city that few authors have written so intimately, or so presciently." (*New York Times*) His books have been translated into eighteen languages. In addition, he has published three poetry translations and a poetry collection.

Born in Shanghai, China, QIU XIAOLONG published prize-winning poetry, translation and criticism in Chinese before he came to the United States as a Ford Foundation Fellow in the late eighties. He obtained Ph. D. in comparative literature at Washington University and taught there. He lives in St. Louis with his wife and daughter.

Books by Qiu Xiaolong:

Latest Novel:



Red Mandarin Dress (November 2007): A new Inspector Chen mystery (#5). [Qiu discusses the true story behind the book.](#)

Red Mandarin Dress

- Publisher: St. Martin's Press
- Pub. Date: November 2007
- ISBN-13: 9780312371074
- 310pp
- Series: Inspector Chen Cao Series #5

Other Novels:

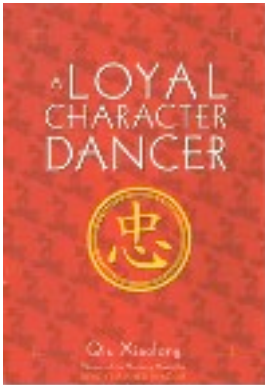
Qiu's first novel, **Death of a Red Heroine**, is #1 in a list of top 10 Asian crime novels, according to [The Guardian](#) (UK). Click to see the article

Death of a Red Heroine

- Publisher: Soho Press, Incorporated
- Pub. Date: September 2003
- ISBN-13: 9781569472422
- 464pp
- Series: Inspector Chen Cao Series, #1



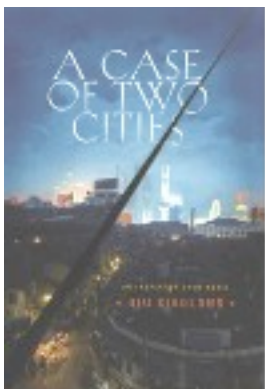
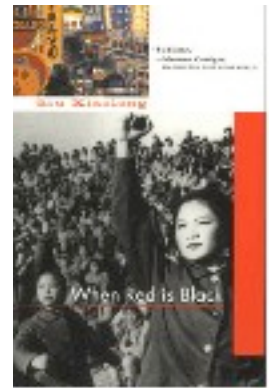
Qiu's novel *Death of a Red Heroine* is one of the five best political novels of all time, according to [The Wall Street Journal](#), which ranked it with Arthur Koestler's *Darkness at Noon* and other classics.



- ***A Loyal Character Dancer*** (Series: Inspector Chen Cao Series, #2)
- Publisher: Soho Press, Incorporated
- 360pp
- Pub. Date: September 2002 (Hardcover)
- ISBN-13: 9781569473016 (Hardcover)
- Pub. Date: September 2003 (Paperback)
- ISBN-13: 9781569473412 (Paperback)

When Red Is Black (Series: Inspector Chen Cao Series, #3)

- Publisher: Soho Press, Incorporated
- 320pp
- Pub. Date: July 2004 (Hardcover)
- ISBN-13: 9781569473696 (Hardcover)
- Pub. Date: July 2005 (Paperback)
- ISBN-13: 9781569473962 (Paperback)



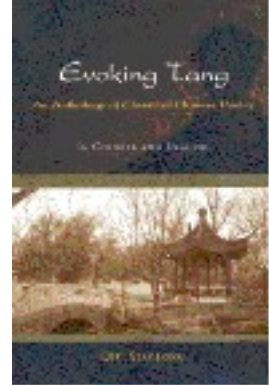
A Case of Two Cities (Series: Inspector Chen Cao Series, #4)

- Publisher: St. Martin's Press
- 320pp
- Pub. Date: November 2006 (Hardcover)
- ISBN-13: 9780312359850
- Edition Description: Reprint (Paperback)
- ISBN-13: 9780312374662 (Paperback)
- Pub. Date: October 2007

Book of Poetry:

Qiu has translated into English some of Inspector Chen's favorite classical poems in the bilingual book ***Evoking T'ang: Poems from the T'ang Dynasty*** (June 2007).

- Paperback: 162 pages
- Publisher: PenUltimate Press (2007)
- ISBN-10: 097606751X
- ISBN-13: 978-0976067511



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