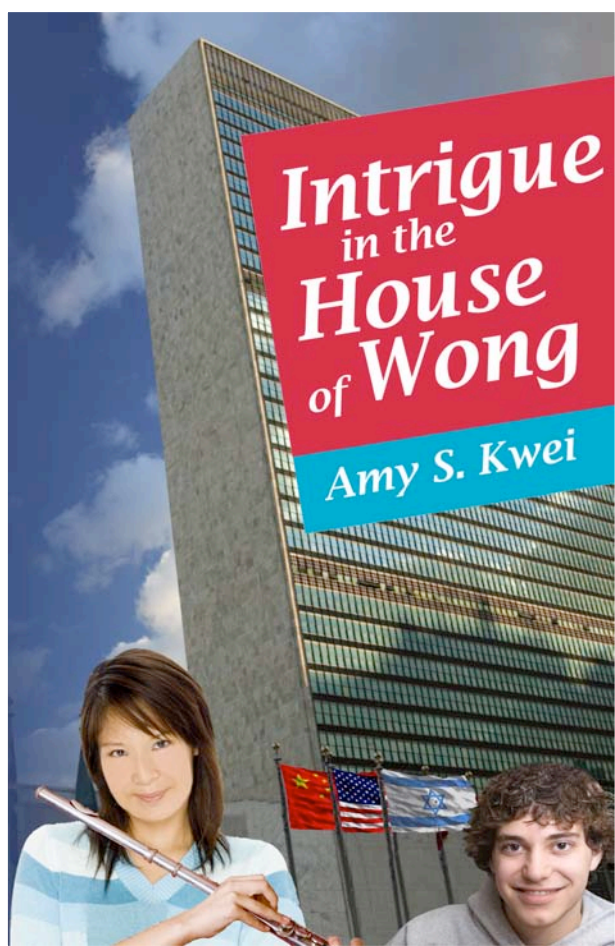


# *Amy S. Kwei's* young adult book

## *Intrigue in the House of Wong*



This is the story of a family owned Chinese restaurant , which moves from Chinatown New York to the posh Upper East Side. Wendy Wong befriends the neighbors and helps integrate her family into the community. She and her boyfriend are kidnapped. They escape and rescue the Israeli Ambassador to the United Nations.

The target audience comprises youngsters from 6th through the 12th grades. Also anyone interested in the experiences of the Chinese- American youngsters who straddle two cultures.

This book is unique, because it is a mystery that plays up the conflicts of Wendy's individual initiative against the elaborate system of Chinese family ties and values. The younger brother, Winston, and the grandparents provide comic relief. Sounds and silence, colorful teen language, rhythm of Chinese names, the ethnic accents of New York, and rumbles of a busy city are the underlying threads of music in this action packed story.

The book includes a section on Reading Group Guide.

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