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## Visit with Li Miao Lovett, author of “In the Lap of the Gods”



A massive dam rises, a million lives are displaced, and a widower saves an abandoned baby girl from the Yangtze. Li Miao\*

Lovett’s novel, *In the Lap of the Gods*, is set against a backdrop of real events in modern China: the displacement of 1.4 million people from the building of the Three Gorges Dam. It is also a tale of defiance, of a poor scavenger finding his place in modern China and a rich man reclaiming the past with the woman he loved before the Revolution.

Visit with Lovett on Friday, April 1 from 7:30 to 8:45 p.m. at the Olympia Timberland Library. The program will be held after hours; the library will be open only for the event. Books will be available for purchase and signing.

Lovett is an award-winning writer whose essays and stories have appeared in the San Francisco Chronicle, Earth Island Journal, Stanford Magazine, and KQED Public Radio. *In the Lap of the Gods* was a top-four finalist for the James Jones First Novel Fellowship and has garnered numerous “star” reviews. Lovett’s Website is <http://limiaolovett.com>.

Maxine Hong Kingston (*The Woman Warrior; China Men*) writes: “Li Miao Lovett has written an important book, a moving farewell to the old, more humane way of life as China and all the world become technologized and globalized. An invaluable book.”

The Olympia Timberland Library is at 313 8th Avenue SE, Olympia. For more information, call the library at (360) 352-0595 or go to [www.TRL.org](http://www.TRL.org).

\* *Miao* is pronounced as *one* syllable – *myow*