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M. Paramita Lin

House of Venom

Daniel Shen can't fight, he doesn't know kung fu, and he's only thirteen. But that doesn't stop him from plunging into the chaotic world of the jianghu, a society that's turned its back on the modern world and is ruled by martial arts clans. Daniel's read every book and watched every TV show about the jianghu and dreams of becoming a jianghu hero, so he's thrilled when an attempted robbery at his grandparents' house gets him a rare chance to stay with the House of Venom and experience jianghu life himself.

It's fun and somewhat bloody games at first, but Daniel ends up in unexpected danger when the terrifying masked thief returns to steal an heirloom recipe belonging to his herbalist grandparents. No one knows why the thief wants a recipe whose ingredients don't even exist, but Daniel suspects that it's tied to the history of the House of Venom and its mythical fighters, the Five Venoms. But before he can figure it out, he ends up on the run in the dark alleys of the Kowloon Walled City, home to some of the jianghu's most dangerous and marginalized clans, pursued by the thief and his accomplices.

With help from the kids-only Maggot Clan, Daniel must protect the recipe and find a way out of the Walled City without getting hurt — and figure out who the Five Venoms are!

Age Group: Middle Grade

Rights Sold: Pending

-Manuscript available



Writing may be the only pursuit that **M. Paramita Lin** hasn't accidentally stumbled into, unlike being a paid companion to the third wife of a tycoon, touring the world with musicians, apprenticing as a goldsmith in Italy, hanging out with triad members, and living in a succession of haunted flats in Hong Kong.

Lin's stories are mostly set in Asian cities, and they are often funny, occasionally strange, sometimes scary, but always true.