



Island: Poetry and History of Chinese Immigrants on Angel Island, 1910-1940 (2nd Revised edition)

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University of Washington Press. Paperback. Book Condition: new. BRAND NEW, Island: Poetry and History of Chinese Immigrants on Angel Island, 1910-1940 (2nd Revised edition), Him Mark Lai, Genny Lim, Judy Yung, In the early twentieth century, most Chinese immigrants coming to the United States were detained at the Angel Island Immigration Station in San Francisco Bay. There, they were subject to physical exams, interrogations, and often long detentions aimed at upholding the exclusion laws that kept Chinese out of the country. Many detainees recorded their anger and frustrations, hopes and despair in poetry written and carved on the barrack walls. Island tells these immigrants' stories while underscoring their relevance to contemporary immigration issues. First published in 1980, this book is now offered in an updated, expanded edition including a new historical introduction, 150 annotated poems in Chinese and English translation, extensive profiles of immigrants gleaned through oral histories, and dozens of new photographs from public archives and family albums. An important historical document as well as a significant work of literature, Island is a testament to the hardships Chinese immigrants endured on Angel Island, their perseverance, and their determination to make a new life in America.



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