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## Writer - Fiction

**An Yu** grew up in Beijing and spent parts of her life studying and working in New York and Paris. She received her M.F.A. from New York University, during which she wrote her first novel, BRAISED PORK. Her short stories were finalists for the Short-Story Award For New Writers from *Glimmer Train* and the Annual Contest from *Dogwood Journal*. Apart from writing, she is the co-founder of YU, a jade jewellery brand based in Hong Kong.



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BRAISED PORK

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One autumn morning after breakfast, Jia Jia's life changes for ever...

One morning in autumn, just after breakfast, Jia Jia finds her husband dead in the bathtub of their Beijing apartment. Next to him is a piece of folded paper, a sketch of a strange creature from his dream. He has left her no other sign.

Young, alone, and with many unanswered questions, Jia Jia sets out to discover what this this mysterious clue might mean. From the high-rises to the hidden bars of contemporary Beijing, she crosses paths with people who call the city home, including someone who may be able to offer her the love she had long thought impossible. Her journey takes her to the high plains of Tibet, and even to a shadowy, watery otherworld, a place she both yearns for and fears.

Cinematic, dreamlike and very beautiful, BRAISED PORK is an exploration of mythmaking, loss, and a world beyond words, and of a young woman's search deep into her past in order to arrive at her future.