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Saturday, November 11th, 2023, 16:00 – 18:00

Book Launch of **Golden Childhood: Magical Memories of Growing Up in Rural China in the 1990s**

Shen Yang

Author of [Golden Childhood \(2023\)](#)

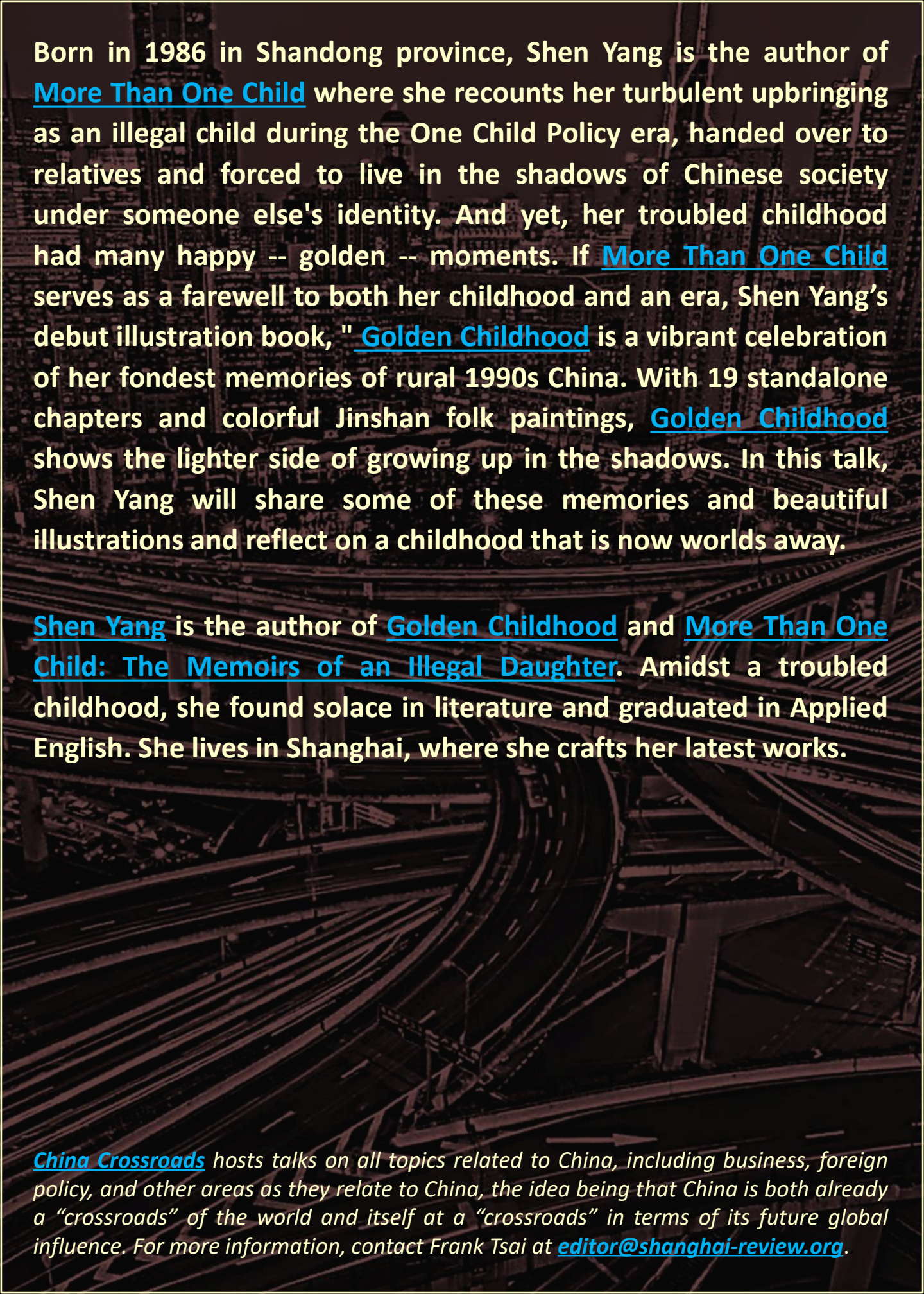
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Born in 1986 in Shandong province, Shen Yang is the author of [More Than One Child](#) where she recounts her turbulent upbringing as an illegal child during the One Child Policy era, handed over to relatives and forced to live in the shadows of Chinese society under someone else's identity. And yet, her troubled childhood had many happy -- golden -- moments. If [More Than One Child](#) serves as a farewell to both her childhood and an era, Shen Yang's debut illustration book, "[Golden Childhood](#)" is a vibrant celebration of her fondest memories of rural 1990s China. With 19 standalone chapters and colorful Jinshan folk paintings, [Golden Childhood](#) shows the lighter side of growing up in the shadows. In this talk, Shen Yang will share some of these memories and beautiful illustrations and reflect on a childhood that is now worlds away.

[Shen Yang](#) is the author of [Golden Childhood](#) and [More Than One Child: The Memoirs of an Illegal Daughter](#). Amidst a troubled childhood, she found solace in literature and graduated in Applied English. She lives in Shanghai, where she crafts her latest works.

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