



## The Eighth Promise: An American Sons Tribute to His Toisanese Mother

By William Poy Lee

Modern Times. Paperback. Book Condition: New. Paperback. 336 pages. Dimensions: 8.3in. x 5.5in. x 1.0in. William Poy Lee received his bachelors of architecture from the University of California, Berkeley, and his Juris Doctor from Hastings College of Law, University of California, San Francisco. A lawyer since 1979, he lives in Berkeley, where he writes full-time. In *The Eighth Promise*, author William Poy Lee gives us a memoir of a relationship between a mother and son and of the Chinese American immigrant experience. His stories unfold simultaneously in the ancient Chinese farming village of his mother's childhood during World War II while under attack by the Japanese Imperial Army, and in America in the housing projects of San Francisco's Chinatown during the civil rights era, Vietnam War, and the countercultural 1960s and 1970s of Williams coming-of-age. The author's mother, Poy Jen, makes her mother eight promises before she leaves China, perhaps forever, to join her husband in America. The eighth is the most sacred. The Eighth Promise recounts how Poy Jen keeps this promise and instills the sense of its importance into her son's very soul. He writes, It is the Eighth Promise to live with compassion toward all that I think of as the...



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