

Meet the Author Series

Jen Sookfong Lee

author of *The Better Mother*

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Jen Sookfong Lee writes, talks on the radio and loves her slow cooker. The author of *The End of East, Shelter* and *The Better Mother* is a frequent contributor to CBC Radio One's *On the Coast* and *All Points West*. Born and raised in East Vancouver, Jen now lives in North Burnaby with her husband, son and hoodlum of a dog.

The Better Mother is a vivid tale of two outsiders who find each other while grappling with their own true identities. In Vancouver, 1982, the summer was unseasonably hot and HIV/AIDS was spreading rapidly. *The Better Mother* tells the story of Danny, who spends his days working as a wedding photographer and his nights cruising Stanley Park. When he rediscovers a green silk belt he had hidden years earlier, he remembers a fleeting but powerful connection he formed with a burlesque dancer named Miss Val and decides he must find her.

"The Better Mother... is fascinating in its exploration of the ways people trapped in their own skins project their needs onto others."

- **The Globe and Mail**

"A page turning story of triumph."

- **The Vancouver Sun**

"The Better Mother has more twists and turns than any back cover promotional copy could possibly describe, and its pacing is taut and clips along at a breathless speed that will keep you reading and wondering what's coming next. . . . Straight-ahead page-turning brilliance."

- **Zoe Whittall, National Post**



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