Amy Tan

SHORT LENGTH - 120 words

Born in the U.S. to immigrant parents from China, Amy Tan rejected her mother’s expectations that she become a doctor and concert pianist, choosing to write fiction instead. Six of her novels, including *The Joy Luck Club* and *The Kitchen God's Wife*, became *New York Times* bestsellers.

Her other works include a memoir, two children’s books, and numerous articles for *The New Yorker, Harper’s Bazaar, National Geographic*, and other magazines. Her writing appears in 35 languages around the world.

Ms. Tan has lectured internationally at universities, delivered a TED talk, spoken at the White House, appeared on *Sesame Street*, and played in a literary garage band with Stephen King, Dave Barry, and Scott Turow to raise money for literacy programs.

MEDIUM LENGTH - 210 words


Ms. Tan has lectured internationally at universities, including Stanford, Oxford, Jagellonian, Beijing, and Georgetown both in Washington, DC and Doha, Qatar. She has delivered a TED talk and spoken at the White House, appeared on the popular NPR program *Wait Wait... Don’t Tell Me*, as well as on *Sesame Street* on Public Television.

To raise money for literacy programs, Ms. Tan joined Stephen King, Dave Barry, and Scott Turow in their literary garage band, the Rock Bottom Remainders, where she served as lead rhythm “dominatrix,” backup singer, and second tambourine.