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“From Shanghai to San Francisco, Lalu Nathoy's courageous journey is an important contribution to the history of pioneer women.” —*Ms. Magazine*

“This biographical novel has plenty of suspense and a strong story line. Reading it is a liberal education in one phase of pioneer life in the West.” —Lucille McDonald, *Seattle Times*

“A valuable book that gives Chinese Americans another true heroine.” —Maxine Hong Kingston

“Ruthanne Lum McCunn has woven an enthralling work of fiction from the true-life story of Lalu Nathoy.” —Elena Brunet, *Los Angeles Times*

About the Author

Ruthanne Lum McCunn, a Eurasian author, writes about the Chinese on both sides of the Pacific. Her award-winning books include *The Moon Pearl*, *Wooden Fish Songs*, and *Sole Survivor*. McCunn's work has been translated into nine languages and published in sixteen countries. She lives in San Francisco, California.

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