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Writing is an extreme privilege but it's also a gift. It's a gift to yourself and it's a gift of giving a story to someone.

--Amy Tan

Amy Tan: Unintended Memoir

"Writer Amy Tan's hit debut novel, *The Joy Luck Club* (1989), catapulted her to commercial and critical success, spending over 40 weeks on *The New York Times* Best Seller list. With the 1993 blockbuster film adaptation that followed, which was selected for the National Film Registry in 2020, as well as additional bestselling novels, librettos, short stories and memoirs, Tan firmly established herself as one of the most prominent and respected literary voices working today. *Amy Tan: Unintended Memoir* is an intimate portrait of the groundbreaking author that interweaves archival imagery, including home movies and personal photographs, animation and original interviews to tell the inspiring story of Tan's life and career." In the film Tan speaks with, "with remarkable frankness about traumas she's faced in her life and how her writing has helped her heal. The film traces her meteoric rise from the point when she picked up fiction writing as a mental break from her heavy freelance business writing schedule and was offered three book deals after completing only three short stories. Born to Chinese immigrant parents in Oakland, California in 1952, it would be decades before Tan would come to fully understand how her mother's battle with suicidal tendencies was rooted in a legacy of suffering common to women who survived the ancient Chinese tradition of concubinage. However, this legacy provides Tan an inexhaustible well of creative inspiration, and her work has made her a global icon for Asian Americans. Tan's other bestselling novels include "The Kitchen God's Wife," "The Hundred Secret Senses," "The Bonesetter's Daughter," "Saving Fish from Drowning" and "The Valley of Amazement," and her work has been translated into 35 languages." You can watch the trailer for the film [here](#).

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