

Grace Chang bio

Grace was born in Beijing, China, to a family of famous entertainers. As a little girl, she often sat with her father Chang Bao Ting, while he wrote his shows for radio, the stage and TV, and she dreamed of becoming a writer herself one day.

At a young age, Grace Chang learned the art of magic/illusion from her grandfather, often in the courtyards of the Forbidden City. Some years later, Grace was selected for the job of star illusionist and ringmaster in an internationally acclaimed Chinese circus. She is a multi-talented entertainer and performer and has appeared on stage and screen in both China and the United States, including the film, [The Joy Luck Club](#).

She has also spent many years helping families to adopt babies from China and estimates that she has placed over 2,000 Chinese orphans in the U.S. Her philanthropic work in this field was rewarded in 2006 by Adoptions from the Heart—an organization she works closely with as director of the China program.

Grace has always been active in promoting Chinese culture to children all over the world through her books and wonderful stage shows. She always includes a taste of Chinese history, folklore and useful life lessons in her stories about the fabulous world of [Jin Jin the dragon](#). She carries on an old family tradition of entertaining drawing upon ancient as well as modern Chinese illusions. Her original use of puppetry has delighted thousands of school children and always leaves them asking for more.

Since the 2007 publication of her first book, *Jin Jin the Dragon*, Grace and Jin Jin, the puppet, have been busy doing readings and performing magic shows at schools and libraries. Grace is currently doing book tours and readings to promote her latest book, [Jin Jin and Rain Wizard](#), published in September 2009.