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Northern Girls: Life Goes on

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Northern Girls ends on an ambiguous note, leaving Xiaohong one among the crowd on the streets of Shenzhen. Sijiang, broken and defeated, has returned to Hunan; the body that she once flaunted has become unrecognizable to Xiaohong. But she's still clever and ambitious, so perhaps the future isn't so bleak. As the English subtitle says, "Life Goes On." Maura Elizabeth Cunningham is a PhD candidate at the University of California, Irvine and editor of The China Beat. Northern Girls. Life Goes On. By Sheng Keyi. Published 2012-05-23 e-penguin 286 Pages. Northern Girls is her first novel to be translated into English. Northern Girls: Life Goes On. In Chinese, a person's given name always follows their surname. Therefore, the protagonist of Northern Girls, Qian Xiaohong, has the surname Qian and the given name Xiaohong. Depending on the occasion and the familiarity between people, given names can be shortened to a repetition of the final syllable, such as Honghong for Xiaohong. In southern China, it is common for people to refer to one another by combining the sound Ah with the final syllable in their name, for example, Ah Hong. A fleeting touch of magical realism, coupled with the day to day life of working women in China. Our heroine seems to float with questionable morals through this story. Descriptions can be maddeningly vague, detailing in a few sentences what could be stretched out to give the reader an immersion in the culture and environment of the women in this story. I read this book after hearing the author at the Sydney Writer's Festival. At first I was a bit worried about where it was going, but as I read on I was introduced to the life of a young woman in China today from a poor village and to a completely different way of looking at the world and what is right and wrong. It is beautifully written and Xiaohong's compassion and the struggle she has to remain true to her morals are heart warming.