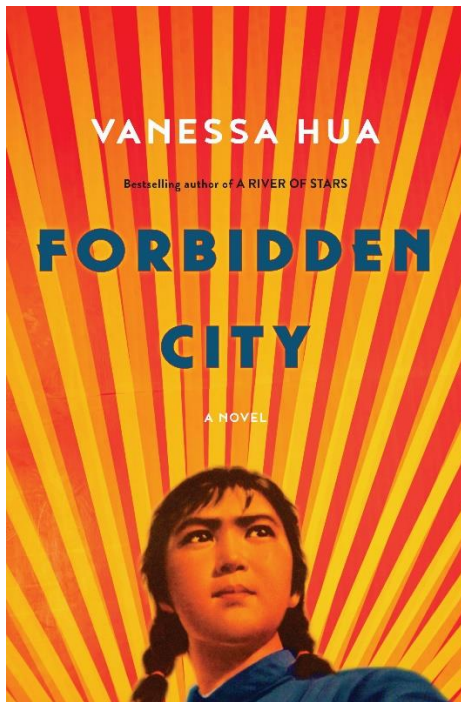




Join Vanessa Hua, a *San Francisco Chronicle* columnist, as Stories on Stage performs an excerpt from her new novel, *Forbidden City* on Friday, June 24 at 7 pm. Doors open at 6:30 PM.



Inspired by true events, the novel features Chairman Mao's teenage protegee, lover, and poster child for the Cultural Revolution. It's on the *Vulture*, *Entertainment Weekly*, *Time*, and *Oprah's* "most-anticipated lists, and received a starred review from *Publishers Weekly*, which deemed it "magnificent" and the *Chronicle* called it a "new classic. Her short story collection, *Deceit and Other Possibilities*, received an Asian/Pacific American Literature Award and was a NYT Editors' Choice, and her novel, *A River of Stars*, was a national bestseller and *Washington Post* and *NPR* best book pick.

Performances are held at the The Auditorium at CLARA, 1425 24<sup>th</sup> Street, Sacramento Ca. Advance tickets via EventBrite or for sale at the door. For more info, go to [www.storiesonstagesacramento.org](http://www.storiesonstagesacramento.org)