

Desperately Seeking Nana Hsu: The Life of a Chinese (guowen) Textbook

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In the fall of 1948, a young woman left behind her high school Chinese literature textbook as Shanghai crumbled in the last days of the Chinese civil war. That textbook then moldered for 60 years, but still retained a mysterious faded phrase on the front cover. During his talk, Professor Joseph R. Allen from the University of Minnesota, will read Nana's textbook as an object with a life, or perhaps an object with two lives.



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