A recently published novel by MIT Mathematics Professor Hung Cheng tells the story of four friends caught up in the violence of the Sino-Japanese war (1937 – 1945), including two MIT students, John Winthrop and his classmate, Chinese physicist Calvin Ren.

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7pm talk & reading, reception to follow with an introduction by Dean Michael Sipser

Hung Cheng began his academic career as an assistant professor at MIT in 1965 and became a full professor at MIT in 1969. He is a member of the Academia Sinica. The confirmation of his prediction with T.T. Wu on the indefinite increase of high energy scattering cross sections was reported on the front page of the New York Times in March 1973. He is working on the theory of dark matter. Nanjing Never Cries is his first novel.