

# 溫邢立美與她的電影《臺北之戀》

## Abigail Hing Wen and her Film 《Love in Taipei》



Dear friends,  
The day has come! The official Love in Taipei Launch Day! I can't believe it's finally here! Thank you to everyone for working so passionately to get the word out. The last few weeks have been a whirlwind of movie screenings around the country - see below for a quick 1 minute video montage of the LA screening party!

CherryPicks asked me for my top 7 YA books I'd love to see on the big



screen: click here to find out. What are your favorite YA books you would love to see turned into movies?

I'm looking forward to hearing your thoughts and impressions of the movie! A reminder the code TAIPEI provides a free month on P+ (USA only). Please spread the word for the virtual Q&A on August 16 as well! I hope to see you then!

Warmly,  
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8月5日，原來家住在克利夫蘭 Solon 的 Ray 和 Barbara 夫婦，因有事到克利夫蘭來，他們走訪了老朋友還去了他們孩子曾經上學的 Solon 高中，星期日還特別去了他們的華人教會。時間一見他們已經離開克利夫蘭快 8 年了，因為孩子們都在加州，與家人離得近一點也有利照顧下一代，他們對住了 30 多年的克利夫蘭，對這個家鄉很有感情。



Ray 在克利夫蘭的時候也當過美華協會主席，他的太太 Barbara 也曾經是克利夫蘭婦女聯誼會主席，他們熱衷關心克利夫蘭華人社團，這次來克利夫蘭還特意給了伊利華報 \$500，希望伊利華報繼續為華人服務。

我是在 8 月初收到 Ray 的微信，他被廣播電台採訪：他表示他在美國 56 年以來，是第一次用中文被 interview。他表示他的中文沒學好，我聽了採訪非常好，採訪的是二位在美國華人社區有點聲譽的人，另外一位是匹茲堡的張先生，他的女兒在好萊塢當演員。Ray 的女兒溫邢立美的書《Loveboat Taipei》(《台北愛之船》)被改編成電影，這個小說講述一位年輕的美國女子被她的父母送到台北的一個文化體驗項目中，這次旅行變成了一個浪漫的夏天。

溫邢立美是一位十分優秀的華人第二代子女，她是 Solon High School 1995, first Ohio Chinese American 拿到高中總統獎的畢業學生，進 Harvard/Columbia -law; 目前剛剛離開加州 Intel，那時她負責 in-house AI 高級律師。

先生是 Princeton 大學畢業，Columbia 大

學 MBA，再 Goggle 當 Risk and New Innovation Business Director. 他們有兩個孩子。

2020 年 1 月 7 日她寫的第五本小說第一次出版 發行 -- Loveboat Taipei。

第二本小說 2022 年 1 月 22 日出版 -- Love Boat Reunion。

第三本小說 -- Love Boat Foreve, 今年 11 月出版。

為了“能寫好小說”，她在 Oregon State University 拿到 master degree in writing。她寫了 Movie script，電影也在台灣拍完了。2023 年 8 月 10 日她的電影上映。

Ray 很自豪地告訴我：女兒的第一部書在一周時間里就有 10 萬讀者。Ray 還表示：女兒的成功是要從 1991-1995 Ohio Solon High School 開始。當年 287 位高中畢業生她是全校第一名，也拿到 1995 總統獎。從全美 2.5 百萬選出 100 名。每一個州兩位。她的 SAT 是滿分的。9 個 AP 課 都選到而且還拿到大學 18 份 credits。

在 Harvard university 時也是全班前 3 名。讀完兩個 Degrees, Economics and Political Science。為了能拿到 Magna Cumlaude 她寫了一篇 150 頁以上的論文，<Looking USA China Rela-



tionships from 5-6 point of view.

Ray 說女兒優秀，兩個外孫也特別愛學習，他們的大外孫 Aidan Wen 溫，2023 年 9 月秋天進修加州 Berkeley 大學三年級，攻讀 Computer Science & Robotics。

他們的第二個外孫 Alistair Wen 溫，14 歲 - 高中二年級。2022 年拿到獎學金，9 月他母親跟他搬到 Vienna Austria 一年，攻讀交響音樂，音樂是培養兒子天賦，母親陪兒子 Vienna Austria 一年，自己也寫出來新書，這是大大豐收。

另外讓她女兒成功的離不開她的導師：論文指導教師有：

1. Senator Simpson, Retired Senator from Montana.
2. 陳思緯，當時中華人民共和國人大常委會副主席。
3. 指導政治系系主任。

女兒因獲得總統獎，中華民國政府要請她去台灣學習，1. 中國文化，2. 中文，3. 中華民國歷史。女兒從台灣回來後，去了新疆 2 個月 - 義工教英語，還有見到她的恩師 - 陳思緯。

從新疆回來，她去了 Washington DC，協助 Elizabeth Dole 競選美國共和黨總統候選人。因為沒有選到，她去了當時 Kentucky Congresswoman 工作。因為不太合適



### Ashley Liao Talks Coming-of-Age Film 'Love in Taipei'

The actress also stars in the "Hunger Games" prequel coming out this fall.

Like most college students on the brink of graduation, Ashley Liao still has several college credits to go. But unlike many of her classmates, she also has two film releases packed into her schedule.

First up is "Love in Taipei," a film adaptation of the popular YA novel "Loveboat, Taipei" for Paramount+. Liao leads the coming-of-age rom-com as Ever Wong, a high school graduate who's accepted into a premed program and the dance program at New York University. The sum-

mer before her freshman year, Ever's parents send her to a cultural immersion program in Taiwan where she navigates romance, identity, and her passion for dance. The film costars Ross Butler and Nico Hiraga as the two main love interests.

The 21-year-old actress, and UCLA undergrad, recognized a kindred spirit in Ever.

"When I was very new in my undergraduate degree, I really wasn't

sure what to pursue. I felt like I had to choose between the art of acting and my passion for my career, and attending my dream university," Liao says. "Ever is stuck at that same crossroad of not knowing whether she wants to follow what her parents want her to do, or what she wants to do - her passion for dancing. And so it really struck a nerve with me," adds Liao, who plans to finish up her university coursework this fall.

"One of Ever's biggest struggles is figuring out where she belongs and what she wants. And isn't that everyone's struggle?" says Liao. "Ever eventually figures out that it's OK

to not have every single detail planned out. Sometimes it's OK to go with the flow."

The project required Liao to delve into dance herself; she took several ballet intensives in Los Angeles before flying out for filming in Taiwan, where she continued dance classes over Zoom while in two-week mandatory quarantine at her hotel.

Most of the project was shot on-location in Taipei, an experience that Liao describes as "phenomenal." "There are some shots in this film that don't look real," says Liao. "There is a particular scene where we're in front of Taipei 101 on this beautiful trail. Getting to see that was incredible in

real life, because I hadn't been back to Taiwan in maybe a decade," she adds.

Liao, who got her industry start as a child actress in projects like "Fuller House," will next appear in the "Hunger Games" prequel "The Ballad of Songbirds and Snakes," set to be released in theaters Nov. 17. She filmed the project in Berlin - her first time in Europe - shortly after wrapping "Love in Taipei."

"I was in shambles the whole time, to be completely honest with you," she says of the experience. "Because as someone who grew up watching the original 'Hunger Games' films and reading the books, getting to be a part of this has been incredible, and so incredibly surreal," adds Liao, who portrays Clemensia in the film. "It's a life dream of mine."

This summer, in the downtime between both releases, Liao's been back in class at UCLA finishing up her communication degree. "That'll be a big life accomplishment. I had to take some time off because of working," she says. "But I'm very happy to be able to do both."

Interview was conducted before the SAG-AFTRA strike.

Ashley Liao JONNY MARLOW

