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“Socialism Is Great!” A Worker’s Memoir of the New China

Bio of Lijia Zhang



Ms. Lijia Zhang was born and raised in Nanjing, China. At age of 16, she was pulled out of school and began her decade-long job at a rocket factory, where she taught herself English. In 1990, Lijia went to England where she pursued her childhood dream of studying journalism. Her features have appeared in many international publications. She is the co-author of *China Remember*. Her memoir *Socialism is Great* has just been published by Atlas Books in New York. She is a regular speaker on the BBC, Channel 4 and National Public Radio. Currently she lives in Beijing with her two daughters and works as a writer and freelance journalist.

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