

**Subject: Meet Mei-Ling and Chris Hopgood - LUCKY GIRL READING - Nov 6**

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## Families with Children from China

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**Chris Hopgood:**  
Mei-Ling's mom, who with husband Rollie, adopted Mei-Ling in 1974, will also join us to talk about her experiences as an adoptive mom during Mei-Ling's reunion with her birth family

### BOOK SIGNING

A limited number of hardcover copies of LUCKY GIRL will be available for purchase and signing at this event.

Cost: \$26.00 ea.

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FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 6th, 2009  
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Meet Mei-Ling Hopgood for a book reading from her Memoir "LUCKY GIRL"

Barnes & Noble Synopsis

In a true story of family ties, journalist Mei-Ling Hopgood, one of the first wave of Asian adoptees to arrive in America, comes face to face with her past when her Chinese birth family suddenly requests a reunion after more than two decades.

In 1974, a baby girl from Taiwan arrived in America, the newly adopted child of a loving couple in Michigan. Mei-Ling Hopgood had an all-American upbringing, never really identifying with her Asian roots or harboring a desire to uncover her ancestry. She believed that she was lucky to have escaped a life that was surely one of poverty and misery, to grow up comfortable with her doting parents and brothers.

Then, when she's in her twenties, her birth family comes calling. Not the rural peasants she expected, they are a boisterous, loving, bossy, complicated middle-class family who hound her daily-by phone, fax, and letter, in a language she doesn't understand-until she returns to Taiwan to meet them. As her sisters and parents pull her into their lives, claiming her as one of their own, the devastating secrets that still haunt this family begin to emerge. Spanning cultures and continents, Lucky Girl brings home a tale of joy and regret, hilarity, deep sadness, and great discovery as the author untangles the unlikely strands that formed her destiny.

This event will be appropriate for adoptive / waiting parents / grandparents and teens. Although encouraged, it will not be necessary for you to have read the book to attend the event.

For more information, contact:

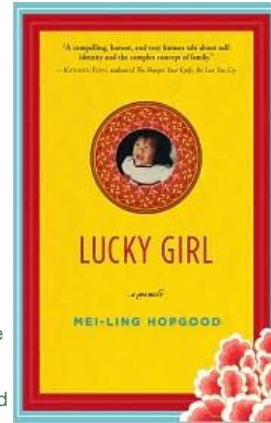
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Also, check out [www.mei-linghopgood.com](http://www.mei-linghopgood.com) and her fan page on Facebook.

See the LUCKY GIRL book trailer at <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wzuqKAGkz6g>

Friday, November 6, 2009 7 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.  
First United Methodist Church  
25 Broadway, Amityville, NY 11701

Please bring a dessert to share.  
Coffee/Tea will be provided.



\$5 per person to be paid ONLINE ONLY at [www.fccny.org](http://www.fccny.org)

We apologize in advance, but there will not be babysitting available for this event..

(\*Please use your discretion - you know your child. FCCNY is suggesting 12 and older; one of our FCC-LI moms felt it was more appropriate for those well into their teens.)

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