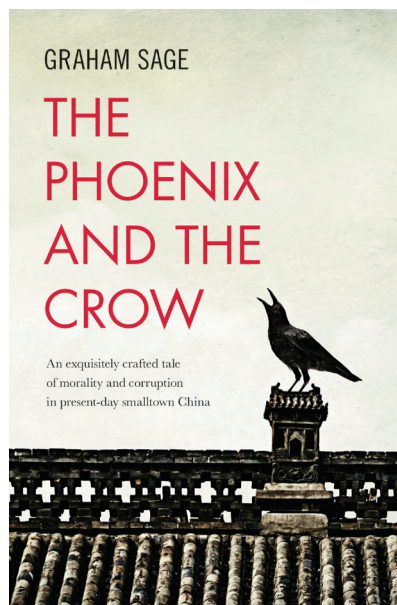


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BOOK DETAILS

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AUTHOR	Graham Sage
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GENRE	Fiction / Fable China
AGE RANGE	YA & general adult
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Author Information

Graham Sage was born in 1948 in England. He is a graduate of Strasbourg University, France, and Oxford University, UK. Now retired, he spends his time travelling between Singapore, Chengdu, Phnom Penh and Strasbourg pursuing his passion for writing.

Praise

'*The Phoenix and the Crow* is a delightful novella, short, well written and engaging' Tripfiction UK

TAGLINE	A tale of morality and corruption in smalltown China
LOGLINE	Beijinger Wang Bin concocts an outlandish plan to help victimised residents of a small town in China exact revenge on their corrupt chief of police
GENRE	Light drama / moralistic fable / humour
SUBJECT	Justice / virtue and values
THEMES	Good vs evil, finding bravery, anti-corruption
TOPE	Family-friendly story with fable-like characteristics that teaches important lessons of moral character. Lighthearted plot with humour to convey an important message of good vs evil. When poor people suffer at the hands of corrupt people in power, a hero stands up to the bully so that true justice can prevail.
SYNOPSIS	Wang Bin, a young teacher and ornithologist from Beijing, travels to Pingyang, a rural town nestled in the mountains between Sichuan and Hunan, to try and photograph the Mountain Phoenix, a rare Chinese bird with a blaze of rich colours that has never before been captured on film. Pingyang's chief of police is as corrupt as he is sadistic and he rules the town with an iron fist. He soon learns of the new arrival in town and fleeces Wang Bin for all he's worth. Wang Bin narrowly escapes Pingyang with the help of Xiao Zhou, a pretty young receptionist at the seedy hotel in which he is staying and for whom he is developing feelings, and the Beijinger vows to return to the town, his mind set on causing the crooked police chief's downfall. Together with Xiao Zhou and a cast of other victimised townsfolk from Pingyang, Wang Bin concocts a plan that is so far-fetched all agree it might just work.
CHARACTERS	<p>Wang Bin a graduate from Beijing, representing modern educated China, who travels to far-flung Pingyang to birdwatch. After being cheated by Chief Han he uses his passion for amateur dramatics and ornithology, not forgetting his pet crow, Confucius, to concoct a hilarious plan of revenge.</p> <p>Chief Han San Xi Pingyang's tyrannical chief of police, powerful by being greedy and kindling greed in others. Oversees a police staff who eliminate all opposition. Fleeces residents and visitors alike.</p> <p>Xiao Zhou young female receptionist at Wang Bin's hotel who befriends the Beijinger, becomes his accomplice in the plot to overthrow the police chief and develops feelings for Wang Bin.</p> <p>Uncle Shi a wiser, older resident who assists Wang Bin and Xiao Zhou in their plans.</p>
ENDING	In a hilarious and outlandish plot, the residents of Pingyang, with the help of Wang Bin and Confucius the crow, cause the downfall of the corrupt chief of police, who is removed by the Party Secretariat and is replaced by a law-abiding police chief, thus complying with Chinese President Xi Jinping's famous slogan: 坚持老虎苍蝇一起打 'We must uphold the fighting of tigers and flies', when he vowed to crack down on both powerful leaders and lowly bureaucrats in his campaign against corruption and petty officialdom.