

Notes on Contributors

AI QING (People's Republic of China). A poet-laureate, he was exiled in Xinjiang and silenced during the years of the Chinese Cultural Revolution. His poetry has been translated into French, Italian, Russian, and English. He is currently Vice Chairman of the Chinese Writers' Association.

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ASHOKAMITRAN (India) has written numerous articles on current affairs, biographical notes, and literary criticism. His stories have appeared in two literary anthologies: *Kurkshetran* and *Arusuvai*. Many of his works have been translated and published in a number of Indian dialects, and in English, Russian, Spanish, French, and Arabic.

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His novels include *Francisca, In the Absence of the Masters, Sick Animals, Annunciation*, and *Gypsum Angel*.

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DING LING (People's Republic of China). A leading figure in the 1950s, she won the Stalin Prize in 1952 for her novel about the awakening of the peasants, *The Sun Shines Over the Sangkan River*. In 1957 she was accused of being head of an anti-party clique, and was labeled a Rightist and a traitor; in 1958 she was sent to do manual labor in the Heilongjiang reclamation area. Her works were banned and she was imprisoned from 1970-75 by the Gang of Four. Rehabilitated, she presently serves as vice chairman of the Chinese Writers' Association. Her novels include *Shui (Flood)*, *Mu-chin (Mother)*, *Tzu-sha Jih-chi (Diary of a Village)*, *Wo Tsai Hsia Tsun Ti Shih-huo (My Stay in a Hsia Village)*, and *In the Days of Bitter Cold*.

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