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## Understanding Gish Jen (Hardback)

By Jennifer Ann Ho

University of South Carolina Press, United States, 2015. Hardback. Condition: New. Language: English . Brand New Book. Ho, Jennifer Ann introduces readers to a typical American writer, Gish Jen, the author of four novels, *Typical American*, *Mona in the Promised Land*, *The Love Wife*, and *World and Town*; a collection of short stories, *Who s Irish?*; and a collection of lectures, *Tiger Writing: Art, Culture, and the Interdependent Self*. Jen writes with an engaging, sardonic, and imaginative voice illuminating themes common to the American experience: immigration, assimilation, individualism, the freedom to choose one s path in life, and the complicated relationships that we have with our families and our communities. A second-generation Chinese American, Jen is widely recognized as an important American literary voice, at once accessible, philosophical, and thought-provoking. In addition to her novels, she has published widely in periodicals such as the *New Yorker*, *Atlantic Monthly*, and *Yale Review*. Ho traces the evolution of Jen s career, her themes, and the development of her narrative voice. In the process she shows why Jen s observations about life in the United States, though revealed through the perspectives of her Asian American and Asian immigrant characters, resonate with a variety of...



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