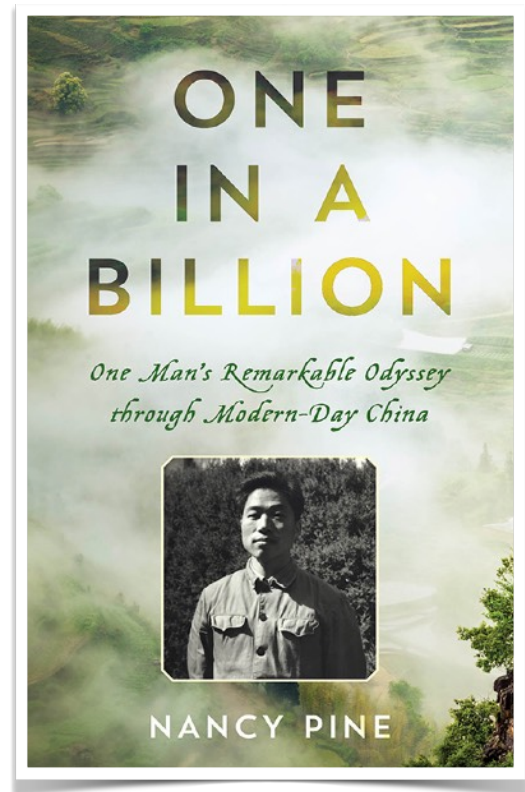
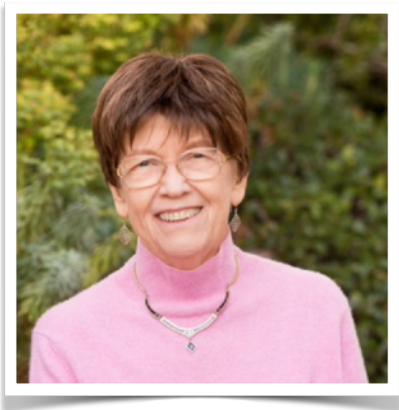




Nancy Pine

Author - Podcast One Sheet - One in a Billion



Summary

A writer and respected authority on Chinese and American education, Nancy Pine's recent book tells the story of An Wei, a stubborn, hard-working Chinese man, who successfully resisted authority in his village and nation. His compelling life provides a vivid backdrop for understanding the development of modern China. Pine also writes about her decades of consulting in a changing China.

Location

United States – State: California

Available For

Remote or face-to-face interviews

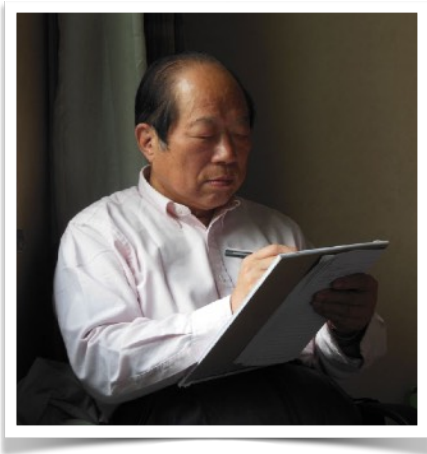
Location: Los Angeles area, California

Categories

History, Biography, Memoir

Background Information

Nancy Pine has travelled and studied in China for decades. She gives talks nationally and internationally and has won numerous awards including a City of Los Angeles honor for her cross-cultural activities. Her current book, *One in a Billion: One Man's Remarkable Odyssey in Modern-Day China*, carries the reader into the heart-wrenching, and ultimately uplifting story of one outspoken man who illuminates the souls of a billion ordinary Chinese citizens. Val Zavala, an award-winning KCET journalist, says: "In *One in a Billion*, the complex history of a complex country unrolls with the ease of a deeply textured Chinese scroll."



AN WEI

Nancy holds a PhD in education and has an extensive background in early childhood education in the U.S. and China which led to her book, *Educating Young Giants: What Kids Learn (And Don't Learn) in China and America*, published by Palgrave Macmillan. She has taught everything from kindergarten to graduate school and founded the Bridging Cultures: US/China Program at Mount Saint Mary's University in Los Angeles where she has advised the administration and faculty on China. Currently she is writing a memoir of her experiences in China.

Topics I Can Discuss

- How An Wei, a determined man interested in improving the world around him, forged ahead through the upheavals of modern China's development under Mao Zedong's rule and to the present.
- How An Wei's life sheds light on today's China.
- How one man became a hero for thousands in China – his humanitarian values and sense of community responsibility.
- How An Wei initiated and oversaw the development of a democratic congress in his village.
- The challenges of writing my books.

Ten Suggested Interview Questions

Who is An Wei? What is my book, *One in a Billion*, about?

Why have you, a European American woman, felt compelled to write this book about the life of a Chinese man?

Why did An Wei trust you to interview him and tell his story?

What was your interview process like? How did you get so much information from An Wei?

What personal strengths did An Wei have that allowed him to survive such dangerous times?

What does *One in a Billion* teach us about today's China?

What advice would An Wei give to this generation of young Chinese men and women?

How did you become an accomplished narrative writer when you started as an academic writer?

What was the Chinese political climate when you were interviewing An Wei?

Why are you now writing about your own experiences in China?

Previous Appearances

I have been interviewed many times about my last book, *One in a Billion: One Man's Remarkable Odyssey through Modern-Day China* (e.g., Interviews by KCET journalist Val Zavala and UCLA's The Write Process), and I have done scores of presentations live and on platforms (Zoom, Webex, etc.) as well as posts at places such as the NY Public Library, Thrive Global, Vroman's Bookstore, The Good Men Project, and many other venues.

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