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Editorial Review

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This hybrid memoir-history, written compellingly by Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist and professor Tizon, moves back and forth and all around in the history of yellow men and women—the author (a Filipino), in particular, and all those who have come to be lumped into the politically correct category of Asian. Why are Asian women hot and Asian men not? How to make a white world understand the concept of *wen wu* (“the containment rather than the use of power”), which Westerners view as wimpiness and servitude? Growing up with U.S. culture portraying dim and unassertive yellow men on TV (e.g., on *Bonanza*) and in films (where the Asian guy never gets the girl), Tizon launches on a personal and historical exploration. From the yellow peril (WWII) to “Yellow Fever” (e.g., blogs about Asian women’s sexiness) to the yellow tornado (contemporary Asian sports and business stars), impressions are changing. And here, along with eye-opening information about such forgotten figures as the much-loved Chinese warrior-thinker Zheng He (a mid-1400s explorer), Tizon portrays his color-tinged youth, young adulthood, and life now in deeply felt, extensively researched, and question-filled prose. --Eloise Kinney

Review

"In *Big Little Man* Alex Tizon fearlessly penetrates the core of not just what it means to be male and Asian in America, but what it means to be human anywhere." -Cheryl Strayed, author of *Wild*

"Part candid memoir, part incisive cultural study, *Big Little Man* addresses - and explodes - the stereotypes of Asian manhood. Alex Tizon writes with acumen and courage, and the result is a book at once illuminating and, yes, liberating." -Peter Ho Davies, author of *The Welsh Girl* "A well-paced, engaging combo of history, memoir, and social analysis. . . Tizon's skill as a feature reporter serves the book well, producing a narrative that moves fluidly between subjects, settings, and gazes." -- Publishers Weekly "A deft, illuminating memoir and cultural history." -- *Kirkus Reviews* "Written compellingly....eye-opening... deeply felt, extensively researched." -- *Booklist* "Tizon's candid journey into the shifting and multiplying definitions of manliness and the masculine ideal is revelatory and sobering."-- *Library Journal* "Highly readable . . . This personal narrative of self-education and growth will engage any reader captivated by the sources of American, and Asian-American, manhood — its multitude of inheritances and prospects." -- *Minneapolis Star Tribune* "At once a ruthlessly honest personal story and a devastating critique of contemporary American culture . . . What makes [Tizon's] writing compelling is his ability to investigate and explain complex topics, deftly weaving in information from websites, history texts, university research and social media, combined with intense self-examination. His willingness to look inward gives him more authority to unpack some of the damaging misperceptions about Asian men." -- *Seattle Times*

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