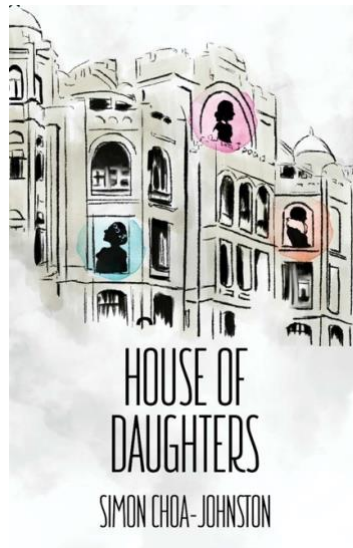


Class, Culture, and a deadly Curse



You are invited to **“Meet the Author”** on **Saturday January 28th** from **2pm-4pm** when bestselling author, Simon Choa-Johnston, will introduce his latest novel “House of Daughters” published by Earnshaw Books. Simon’s presentation will include a slide show outlining his research into his family’s history and how those stories informed his writing.

The event will be held **at the South Surrey Recreation and Arts Centre on 14601 20th Avenue**, South Surrey, in the **Turnbull Gallery**.

Please **RSVP** to: Michelleprice999@gmail.com

The novel, inspired by Simon’s ancestors, is set in Hong Kong of the 1920s. Pearl, an elderly and wealthy Jewish-Chinese matriarch is convinced that a series of fatal events are signs of a curse conjured by Chinese women whose men folk perished when they fell victim to opium addiction. The curse, she believes, will bring misery to all those who profited from the opium trade and will last three generations. Pearl’s wealth came from her late husband Emanuel Belilios, a Jewish opium oligarch from Calcutta. Pearl must find a way to assuage the curse before it infects her daughter and granddaughter. But she’s running out of time.

Copies of “House of Daughters” will be available at the event for purchase and book signings. The novel is also available for on-line purchasing at Amazon.ca or at Chapters.Indigo.ca For more information, please go to: www.simonjohnston.ca

Sincerely, Michelle Price, Event Co-ordinator.