

## Wayson Choy



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It began as a short story, and then it grew. In 2010, Wayson Choy's debut novel, *The Jade Peony* (Douglas & McIntyre 1995), was nominated for the CBC program [Canada Reads](#). Set in Vancouver's Chinatown, the saga of the Chen family won the Vancouver City Book Award and was co-winner of Ontario's Trillium Award with a book by Margaret Atwood.

After spending 26 weeks on the bestseller list of the *Globe and Mail*, it was published in the U.S., Germany and also Australia, where it was a bestseller.

A sequel, *All that Matters*, (2004) won the Trillium, and was shortlisted for the Giller and longlisted in 2006 for the IMPAC Dublin Literary Award.

[Wayson Choy](#) can also write non-fiction. His memoir, called *Paper Shadows: a Chinatown Childhood*, came out in 1999, won the [Edna Staebler Award for Creative Non-Fiction](#) and was short-listed for the Governor General's Award and other prizes.