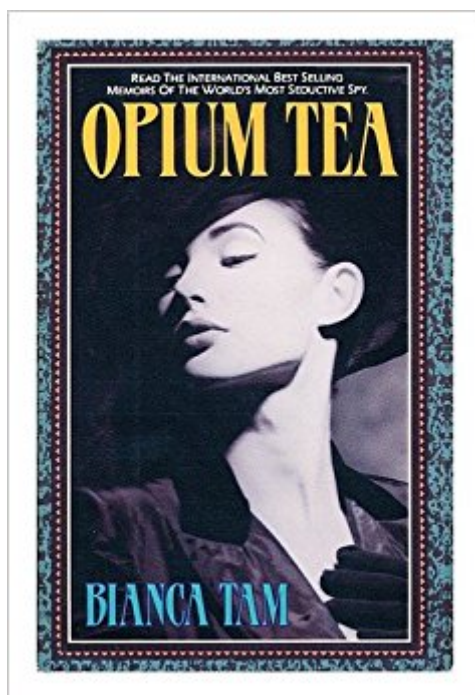


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# Opium Tea



## Synopsis

1991 Tale Weaver Publishing HB. From the back blurb: "Renowned in Italy as a noblewoman who spied during WWII...To the Japanese, she was a heroine, to the Chinese, a traitor." 77-year-old Countess Bianca Tam tells her story.

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In 1938 Tam, the 18-year-old daughter of an Italian noble family, married a Chinese student who was at school in her country, and moved with him to his homeland when he graduated. There he became an officer in the army of Chiang Kai-shek's Web, which had been fighting the Japanese for almost a decade. Tam left her husband when she discovered he had a mistress, and went to the Japanese-occupied areas of China, living principally in Canton and Shanghai. She became a spy for the occupying army, participating in opium parties that usually turned into orgies; she rationalized her activities as necessary to support her children. At war's end, she was convicted of spying, but her death sentence was commuted by Chiang. She returned to Italy, then worked for the rising fashion house of Dior in Paris and finally opened her own boutique in Rome. This memoir of a woman with an amazing ability to survive by manipulating men is self-indulgent, posturing and full of tedious braggadocio. Copyright 1991 Reed Business Information, Inc.

We have read this book more than once and purchased copies for friends. We are always lending it out and it gets rave reviews upon return. It is a love story, an adventure story, a historical novel about an amazing woman's life. Yes she does things she must for survival and as a spy in China

during WWII. She comes out alive to have even more adventures in Paris and Europe after the war. I am very glad she was convinced to write this memoir.

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