

Praise for
Ninety-Nine Fire Hoops

“From her journey as a fresh-off-the-boat immigrant speaking only Mandarin Chinese, to her voyages back and forth through different spiritual and social frames of mind, Merrill creates a powerful saga of a personal journey replete with emotionally-charged well-springs of inheritance, discovery, and change.”

—D. Donovan, Senior Reviewer,
Midwest Book Review

“*Ninety-Nine Fire Hoops* is a fascinating, important, and well-developed narrative, told by a sympathetic narrator with much urgency and grace.”

—Sue William Silverman, author of
How to Survive Death and Other Inconveniences

“Allison Hong Merrill makes three intertwined journeys—through family, faith, and immigration—each filled with danger, heartbreak, and, ultimately, joy. Watching Allison grow from fearful child and unknowing bride into her own power to love and be loved is meaningful and moving, and discovering her native Taiwan through childhood stories is fascinating. A powerful and inspiring journey from loneliness and fear to love and hope.”

—Allison K. Williams, Social Media Editor
at *Brevity Magazine* and author of *Seven Drafts: Self-Edit Like a Pro from Blank Page to Book*