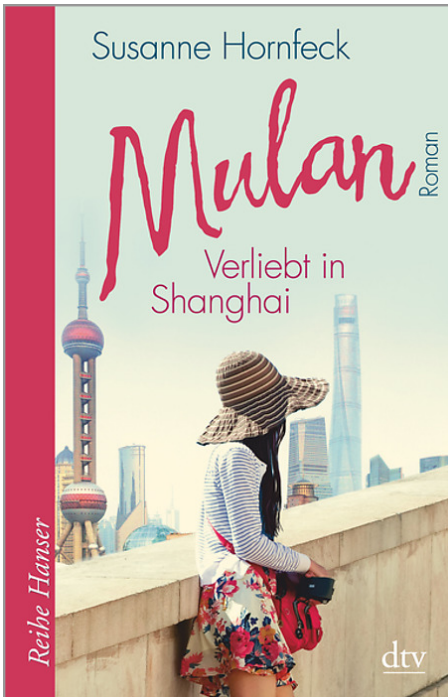


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Yet once she starts getting to know her Chinese family, especially her grandmother, Mulan's curiosity about her mother's origins is awakened. Her sudden studiousness is also no doubt somewhat influenced by the presence of Nianshen. Because if Mulan can neither read nor write Chinese, how will the two lovers be able to text each other?

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