



WAYLAID

A NEW NOVEL BY ED LIN

Waylaid is the story of a Chinese American boy struggling to grow up amidst the drudgery and sexual innuendo of his parent's sleazy motel on the Jersey Shore. Conscripted into the family business, the protagonist spends his summer days and afterschool hours renting out rooms to johns and hookers, lonely old men, and families whose homes have been repossessed. He becomes obsessed with losing his virginity, a preoccupation whose very intensity reflects a society that delivers sex as a distraction from despair. In its blackly humorous exploration of immigrant dreams and working class realities, *Waylaid* is a switchblade in the gut to stories of overachievement and success that ignore the human cost.

"Ed Lin has wrought an Asian American Holden Caulfield, whose view from his tightly conscripted life of working at his parents' motel is to get laid without getting fucked. No model minority success here, this is the harsh universe of working class immigrants, a nether world that both fascinates and repels."
– Helen Zia, author of *Asian American Dreams: The Emergence of an American People*

"Wonderful . . . In *Waylaid*, Lin has crafted an unforgettable story from the rundown landscapes of the New Jersey Shore and from the ambivalent geographies of his young narrator's heart . . . A coming-of-age novel that is both piercing and tender . . . Lin is an astonishing talent."
– Junot Diaz, author of *Drown*

"Ed Lin's deflowering! It's . . . funny, without a hint of maudlin. In the hands of a less-skilled writer it could have been soft pedaled, or, even worse, depressing. There's great humor here, and great storytelling. What Ed does best is what only great writers do – he tells the truth. I'm a fan for life."
– Wayne Kramer, co-founder of MC5 and Mad for the Racket

About the author. Ed Lin was born in New York City and grew up in New Jersey and Pennsylvania. He currently lives in New York. *Waylaid* is his first book.

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