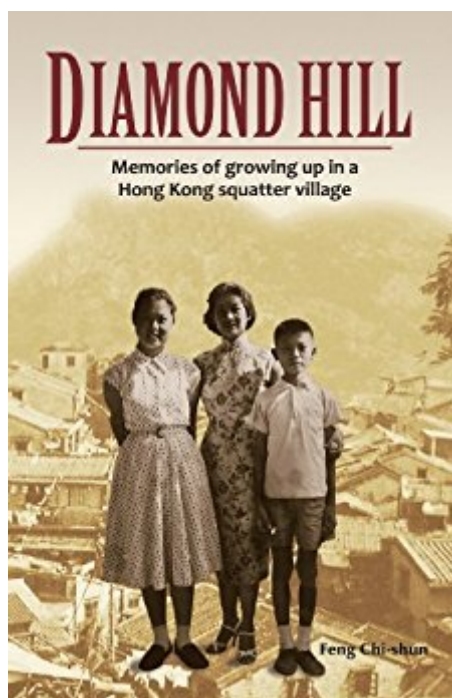


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Diamond Hill was one of the poorest and most backward of villages in Hong Kong when Hong Kong itself was poor and backward. Feng Chi-shun moved there in 1956, at the age of nine, as a refugee from China. As he grew up and saw friends become gamblers, triad gangsters and drug peddlers, he realized that self-improvement was the only way out of poverty. A warm memoir of a hard time and place.

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As someone who lived for five years in Kowloon City and went to the schools mentioned in DIAMOND HILL, I found Feng Chi-shun's memoir impossible to put down. He reproduced in print a genuine Chinese community formed by "squatters" who migrated to the British colony of Hong Kong in the 1950s, and thus preserved a portrait of a fascinating subculture no "scholar" of China would have paid much attention to. Diamond Hill, and the areas around the old Kai Tak Airport, is of course largely changed, now with "an MTR station," "government housing estates and private housing blocks for the middle class" as well as "a big shopping center complex called Hollywood

Plaza (p. 185)." But Feng Chi-shun's book makes a little-known and fascinating past in a then little-known and fascinating part of Hong Kong live again for me--and hopefully for many others interested in every aspect of Chinese culture in changing times.

My childhood friend called me last night and mentioned about this book. our families lived and we grew up there for those years.. We were refugees and move there in the early 50s till early 60s,we lived at KA WAH TERRACE. Remember it well, Kai Tak airport , Lion Rock, etc..Feng mentioned about my older brother in it, so I am curious to read that soon. I personally dont recall Feng,maybe?? Perhaps all the folks that lived there and are in the US or Canada, can have a reunion, it will be a thriller to say the least, any takers?? Rating it 3 stars for now..

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