

INTRODUCING A BRAND NEW **AUTHOR TALK** FOR YOUR SCHOOL

THE (UNLIKELY) HONG KONGER

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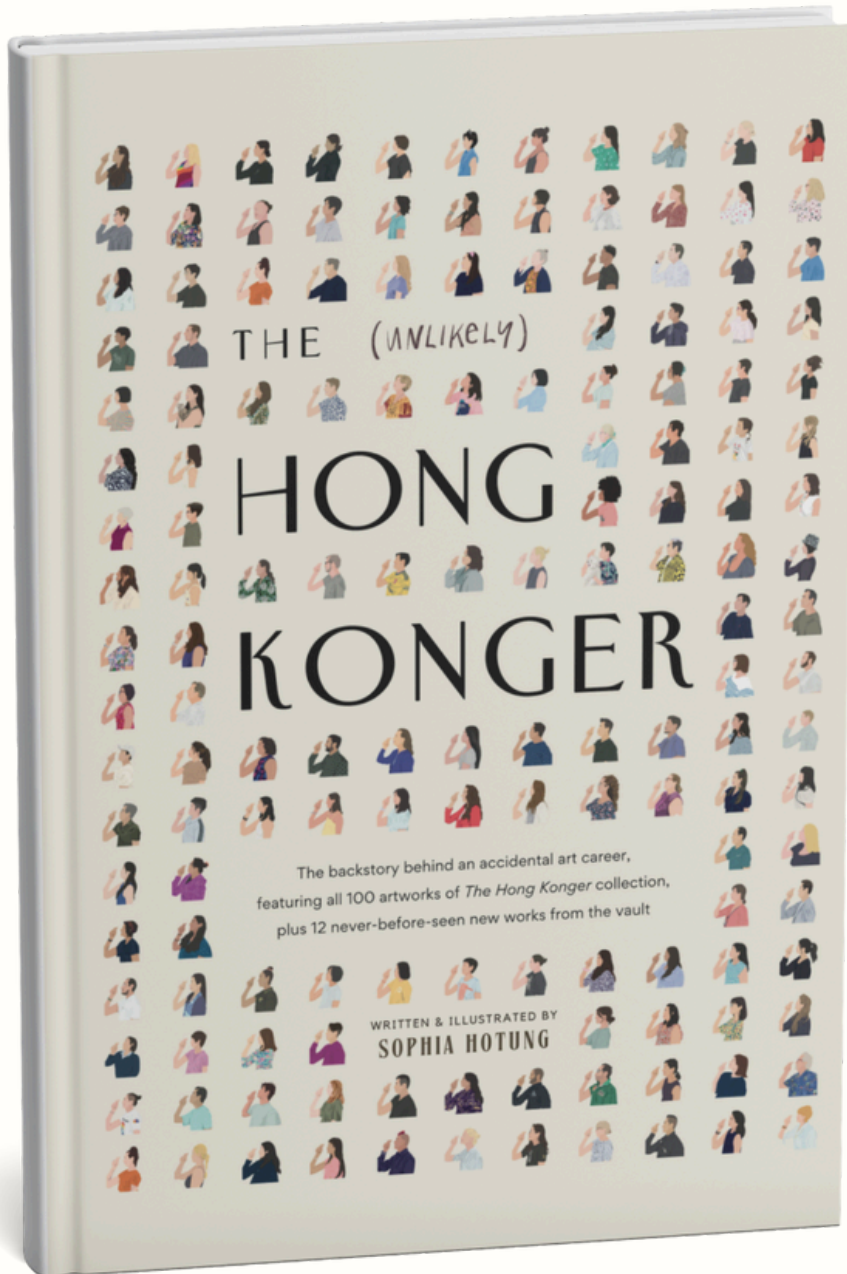
The unfiltered, true backstory behind *The Hong Konger* art collection, featuring illicit chicken nuggets, a mysterious service elevator, a mob of robot enthusiasts, and a Congratulations! hamper at a funeral. Buckle up for an illustrated adventure about being chronically ill, Eurasian, female, young, working, failing, and of course, a Hong Konger.

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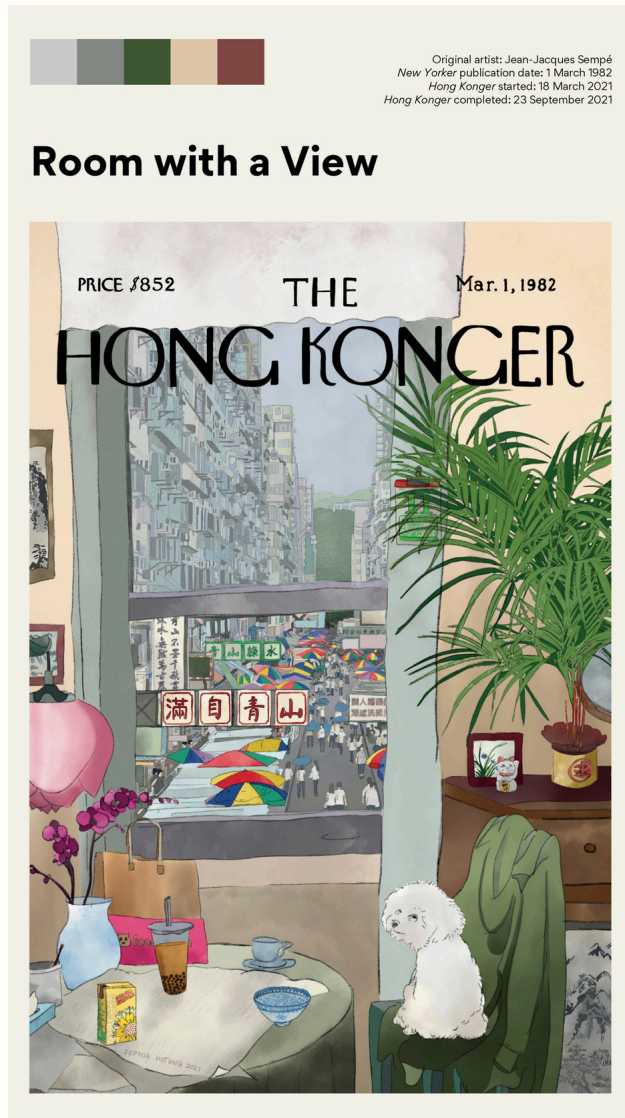
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WHY BRING THE HONG KONGER TO YOUR SCHOOL?



Author and illustrator Sophia Hotung's school talks are known for their relatability, fun, and practicality. She touches on concerns around success, failure, and stress commonly felt among many Hong Kong students.

RELATABLE

Hong Kong raised and educated, Sophia's story relates to that of many young Hong Kongers, struggling with stress and pressure to perform and succeed

FUNNY

Sophia's dynamic and interactive style brings laughs and levity to often taboo topics such as chronic illness, stress, failure, and grief

PRACTICAL

The (Unlikely) Hong Konger is packed with lessons and takeaways on pursuing a creative versus corporate career, handling setbacks, communicating effectively, and making a business out of creative pursuits

The Back Cover Blurb

Sophia is 26, out of work, out of luck, and out of treatment plans for her hodgepodge of autoimmune diseases. With no way to support herself, she's feeling pretty hopeless... until she's gifted an iPad.

Bored and bedridden, Sophia creates a parody of a *New Yorker* magazine cover that portrays her hometown, Hong Kong. Hopes aren't high when she posts the doodle on Instagram, but suddenly, demand is.

Exhibitions in torrential typhoons, creepy fans, an experimental intravenous drug, and a raging uproar from a mob of robot enthusiasts suddenly have Sophia playing out an unexpected new life as an artist.

However, as dwindling Covid-19 restrictions, demands from new clients, and a deadline to move out loom, the sustainability of this new art career flies up into the air. Whether or not Sophia can juggle illnesses she never planned on having with a business she never planned on starting is anyone's guess.

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A BIT ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Sophia Hotung is a Eurasian Hong Kong native, writer, illustrator, and chronic illness speaker, best known for creating *The Hong Konger* art collection while bedridden from autoimmune diseases.

Sophia is an alumna of Lingnan Kindergarten, the Canadian International School, and Harrow International School in Hong Kong. She holds a BA in English from Barnard College in New York, and worked in corporate roles before her creative career pivot.

Sophia was awarded the *South China Morning Post's Spirit of Hong Kong Culture* award, is a member of *Tatler Asia's Gen.T Leaders of Tomorrow*, and is a two-time finalist (and two-time loser) of Hong Kong's American Chamber of Commerce's *Women of Influence: Young Changemaker* award. She will be speaking onstage about disability at this year's TEDxTinHauWomen event at Xi Qu Centre.

Sophia regularly gives her popular talk, *Failure Club*, at schools across Hong Kong. The workshop aims to help Hong Kong students reframe notions of success and adopt healthier perspectives on failure. *The (Unlikely) Hong Konger* touches upon these themes and more.





Previous School Visits

American School, 2022
ISF Academy, 2023
Canadian International School, 2023
Chinese International School, 2023
Christian Alliance International School, 2023
Harrow International School, 2021
Peak School, 2023
Renaissance College, 2022
Victoria Shanghai Academy, 2023
Wah Yan College, 2023

Previous Public Talks

Affordable Art Fair, 2022
Animation Comic Game Convention Hong Kong, 2021
Bookazine, 2021
Digital Art Fair, 2022
Equal Justice, 2023
Eslite, 2023
Maison ES, 2024
reBooked, 2023
Rotary Hong Kong South, 2022
TEDxTinHauWomen, 2023
The Women's Foundation Gala, 2022
Wyndham Social, 2024

WHAT STUDENTS & EDUCATORS ARE SAYING

Sophia's visit with our Year 6s completely blew us away. Sophia's tailored approach was the perfect launchpad for our students as they embark on their PYP exhibition journey. Sophia's engaging and insightful talk inspired our Year 6s to reflect and plan, as they too begin to communicate their passions into a creative and impacting action. We hope she can do it again next year for our next cohort in Year 6 and for more years to come too!

— Librarian, Peak School

I could really feel that Sophia was a considerate and nice person listening to her talk. In fact, the things she said were the things I was actually thinking about recently a lot and it was nice to know someone else was sharing the same ideas.

— Grade 10 Student, Canadian International School

It was so inspiring to hear Sophia's story and for her to share her journey on becoming an illustrator and writer! I was especially touched by her patience with the students and how she answered their questions in depth.

— Grade 3 Teacher, Christian Alliance International School

WHAT TO EXPECT WHEN ORGANISING A TALK



1. Convey any objectives you may have

Over email or a video call, we can discuss how my author visit can complement or support curriculum or themes that your students are currently focusing on. We can also discuss learning objectives that you would like me to address during the talk(s). For instance, some educators would like me to emphasise the importance of extracurricular reading, while others ask me to discuss handling failure in the build-up to receiving exam results.

2. Schedule a time and handle logistics

We'll agree on a time for me to speak in-person or online, as well as a quotation (rates are available on the following page). Should you need documentation such as my Hong Kong ID card or any forms signed, I will revert swiftly with the requisite information.

3. I meet you on campus or online for our talk

RATES & OTHER LOGISTICS

Availability • I'm available from Nov 4 to Dec 9 and throughout March for on-campus visits and any date for online visits

Rates • HK\$1,000 flat fee, plus HK\$1,000 for every hour spent on campus. Fees are not affected by group sizes

Duration of talks • Workshops and talks can be adjusted to suit your school's schedule and class time durations. They typically run from 30 to 60 minutes

Group sizes • Interactive workshop formats are best for groups of 30 or fewer. Assembly formats are best for larger groups. We can also mix and match, starting with a whole assembly, then breaking into smaller groups

Ages • *The (Unlikely) Hong Konger* is geared towards readers aged 13 and up. I also offer workshops and have books suitable for ages 3 and up. Please visit sophiahotung.com/schooltalks for details

Miscellaneous • I'm happy to join students for lunch, breaks, after-school sessions, club meetings, or other events during my visit. (I bring my own lunch to accommodate my celiac disease, so no worries about providing food)



Get in touch

Schedule your author visit today



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