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"*Quiet As They Come* announces the arrival of an astonishing literary talent with a great deal to say about the intricacies of family life, coming of age, emigration, and—above and—above all—the treasures buried in the human heart."—**Carolina De Robertis**, author of *The Invisible Mountain*

Quiet As They Come is a beautiful and at times brutal portrait of a people caught between two cultures. Set in San Francisco from the 1980s to the present day, this debut collection explores the lives of several families of Vietnamese immigrants as they struggle to adjust to life in their new country, often haunted by the memories and customs of their old lives in Vietnam. While some are able to survive and assimilate, others are crushed by the promise of the "American Dream." No matter their fate, you will never be able to forget the people you meet in this remarkable collection.

Angie Chau was born in Vietnam and has since lived on three continents and an island. She graduated with a master's degree in creative writing from the University of California, Davis where she also taught undergraduate fiction and was the fiction editor for *The Greenbelt Review*. She has been awarded a Hedgebrook Residency and a Macondo Foundation Fellowship. Her work has appeared in the *Indiana Review*, *Santa Clara Review*, *Slant*, and the anthology *Cheers to Muses*. In 2009, she won the UC Davis Maurice Prize in Fiction.

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