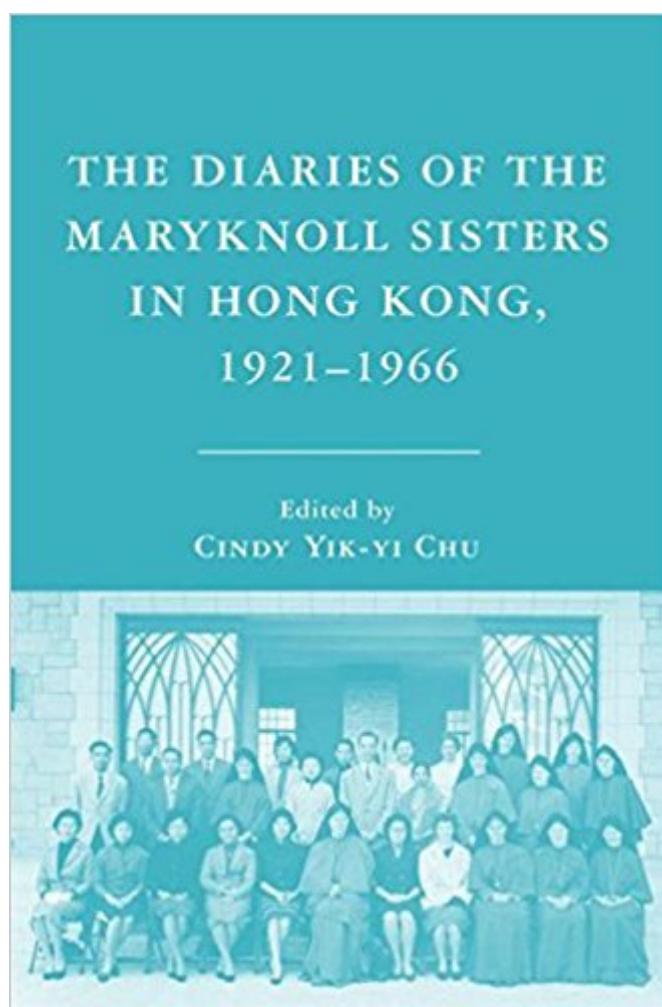


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This was a real find for me. Each Christmas, my father and I would go to a religious clothing store in Boston to purchase items for my aunt Sister Rose Olive Skehan. She would write airmail letters to me and I would send replies on the same feather weight paper. Of course, I practiced on regular paper first, since you don't send a Nun something that doesn't look perfect. I remember that she mentioned in one of those letters that they would give beggars food from the kitchen. My father's love for his little sister was obvious. He told me about her internment and when she came to visit she played the piano for us. This book brought back some wonderful memories of an aunt who I rarely saw but cared about.

I purchased this book because I went to Maryknoll and grew up in Hong Kong in the fifties. The book gives a good overview of the history of this period and the personal experiences of the sisters during the war years and immediately after. It was very personal to me as many of the sisters taught me and I knew all of them. Sr. Cecilia Marie de Carvalho. is a relative of mine. I remember much of it but being young my memories needed clarifying and this book certainly did that. A must read for anyone interested in day to day life from the special viewpoint of the Sisters who made such a large contribution to the people of Hong Kong in education, good works and civic influence.

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