

Chang and Eng; Darin Strauss; 2001; 336 pages; Penguin, 2001; 9781101538074

Chang and Eng rocks with twisted passion, wickedly astute ruminations, and a sly and powerful wit. Darin Strauss has crafted a righteously deft and intelligent first novel. James Elroy author of L.A. Confidential. In this ambitious, assured novel, Strauss imagines these men in full. They are given voice, their fears, hopes, and dreams made vital; most important, Strauss establishes for each man a vivid, poignant personality. No one who reads this beautifully written book will ever be able to think of Chang and Eng again as mere oddities, freaks in Barnum's sideshow. Darin Strauss's powerful and affecting first novel makes the distant and unthinkable lives of the original Siamese twins seem intimately and movingly familiar. Great book, easy reading, a must about Eng and Chang!! Being a resident of Mount Airy, North Carolina where the Siamese twins spent most of their adult lives, reared their children, died and are buried here, I found this book to be very factual and very beneficial in obtaining more details about them and their lives. There are now over 1500 descendants and our town hosts a big family reunion the last Thursday, Friday and Saturday in July each summer and it is a fun time to be in town and talk with the many visitors that come from all over. I find these twins to be very interesting and I enjoy Chang and Eng book. Read 249 reviews from the world's largest community for readers. In this stunning novel, Darin Strauss combines fiction with astonish... Goodreads helps you keep track of books you want to read. Start by marking Chang and Eng as Want to Read: Want to Read saving; Want to Read. Currently Reading. Read. Other editions. Enlarge cover.