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Bergamot Press is pleased to announce the release of *A Body of Knowledge—My Mother's Lost Generation in China*, by Heidi Lloyd. In this evocative memoir, Lloyd tells the story of her mother's German colonial family in China from 1898 to 1956. It is a saga that spans continents and the rise and fall of empires, with the author's family as firsthand witnesses to the social and political turbulence that ended China's imperial rule, its subjugation to foreign conquest and commerce, and its emergence into today's world as a communist country.

Body of Knowledge is also the story of the women in Lloyd's family, whose resilience sustained and supported the children and grandchildren through the Second Sino-Japanese War, World War II, the closing of the "bamboo curtain," and the family's reentry into the West after generations of living in China.

Woven into the family's history is the author's lifelong search for her biological father, an American serviceman whose liaison with her mother in Qingdao, China, after World War II, left her mother pregnant and alone. Lloyd's mother went on to marry another American serviceman, who was willing to raise the baby as his own. The impact of this tightly-kept secret on Lloyd's life forms a meaningful part of the story, moving readers to recall their own family secrets with understanding and compassion. The book's historical backdrop also adeptly captures an era and culture that have since disappeared.

Body of Knowledge—My Mother's Lost Generation in China is available on Amazon and www.bergamotbooks.com

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