

# DR. NGUYỄN PHAN QUẾ MAI

“Nguyễn displays a lush and captivating storyteller’s gift.”

—**Library Journal Starred Review**



*“Quế Mai was such a delight to work with both on the business side and on the public side. ...Our community loved her, she was so comfortable and spoke with ease and joy, even when discussing trauma, she had our attendees captivated from the start. It was like connecting with a good friend and hearing about their life story.”*

—**Anisa Malady, Community Engagement Coordinator  
San Francisco Public Library**

*“As the keynote speaker for our recent 26th Anniversary event, Quế Mai was lauded as the “best speaker we’ve ever had”. She has an extraordinary capacity to offer the most thoughtful, compassionate pathways to bring the possibility for peace and reconciliation forward.”*

—**Jerilyn Brusseau, Co-Founder PeaceTrees Vietnam**

*“The poet Lucille Clifton called good literature both a window and a mirror. Nguyễn Phan Quế Mai presented both: a window into a culture and its customs with which her audience might not be familiar and a mirror in which they saw connections to their own lives.”*

—**Professor Wayne Karlin, College of Southern Maryland**

*“Nguyễn Phan Quế Mai is a compelling and lyrical voice for international peace and reconciliation. In interviews and readings around the globe, she has captivated audiences with the rarely told stories of the resilience, courage, and compassion of the Vietnamese people in the face of invasions, imperialism, famine, and war. More than a historian, she is a master of the poetry of her homeland – the land of hoa sen flowers, guava fruit, and the melodious song of the sơn ca. As an ambassador and spokeswoman for peace, she is a treasure – in the words of one of her characters: a jade leaf on a branch of gold.”*

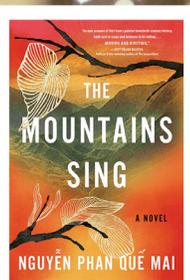
—**Penn Szitty, Professor Emeritus, Georgetown University;  
Member, Board of Directors, Lannan Foundation**

*“Our listeners/readers could have stayed on for another hour or two! Dr. Nguyễn Phan Quế Mai is a compassionate and engaging speaker. She really relates to her audience. She listens to them carefully and they love her! She is generous with her time, her commitment to her craft.”*

—**Marianne Reiner, Owner, Run for Cover Bookstore**

*“Nguyễn Phan Quế Mai is genuinely bicultural and bilingual, a remarkable world citizen able to move easily between the United States, Việt Nam, and many other countries. She brings a generous, compassionate, and poetic soul to everything she touches, not least of all her audiences. Her combination of insight, intelligence, and global experience, along with humility and eloquence, make her a potent speaker.”*

—**Viet Thanh Nguyen, Pulitzer Prize-winner of *The Sympathizer***



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