

DR. NGUYỄN PHAN QUẾ MAI

"Nguyễn displays a lush and captivating storyteller's gift."

—Library Journal Starred Review



"In my estimation, Nguyễn Phan Quế Mai was the best guest speaker we have ever hosted at Howard Community College (HCC). She presented her novels and poetry with feeling and provided insightful comments on the historical and cultural contexts of her writing."

—Professor William Lowe, Howard Community College

"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

"I taught Dust Child to my class last year and will continue to teach it this year. My students and I were fortunate to attend the author's in-person event at the Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial Library in Washington DC. We found Nguyễn Phan Quế Mai to be an inspiring, enthusiastic, engaging, and compelling speaker. We highly recommend her writing and speaking abilities to any educational institution."

—Quynh H. Vo, Professorial Lecturer of Asia, Pacific, and Diaspora Studies, American University

"It was an incredible honor to bring Nguyễn Phan Quế Mai to my home at the Los Angeles Public Library. She created a deeply engaging program for the celebrated ALOUD series that brought music, poetry and spoken word performances to a diverse, rapt audience. She exudes an incomparable generosity of spirit and compassion that brought tears to attendees' eyes. I'll always hold this special evening in my heart."

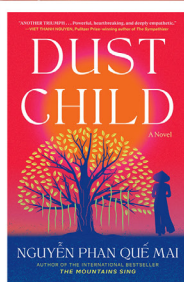
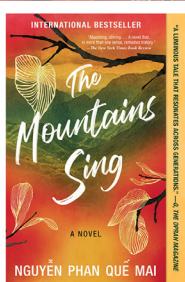
—Bích Ngọc Cao, Former President
Board of Library Commissioners, Los Angeles Public Library

"Quế Mai gave a keynote speech and conducted a storytelling training session as part of Grant Thornton's Advanced Leader Program Global Summit in 2023. Her sessions were deeply thoughtful and profoundly moving. Through her poetry and storytelling, she invited us to open our eyes and hearts to the stories of her Vietnamese culture and ancestry. Quế Mai has a natural ability to connect with her audience, to bridge perceived divides of nationality and culture and to focus on all that we share."

—Joe Ellison, Director - Leadership,
People & Culture at Grant Thornton International Ltd

"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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