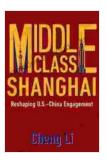
# Middle Class Shanghai: Reshaping China Engagement





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The rise of the middle class in China is one of the most significant social and economic transformations of the 21st century. In Shanghai, China's most populous and cosmopolitan city, the middle class has grown rapidly in recent years, and is now a major force in shaping the city's development and its engagement with the world.

In her new book, *Middle Class Shanghai: Reshaping China Engagement*, Professor Jinghan Zeng provides a comprehensive study of the rising middle class in Shanghai and its impact on China's global engagement. The book draws on extensive fieldwork and interviews with middle class Shanghainese people, and provides insights into their values, aspirations, and behaviors. Zeng argues that the middle class in Shanghai is a diverse and complex group, but that they share a common desire for a better life for themselves and their families. They are also increasingly interested in engaging with the world, and are playing a growing role in shaping China's foreign policy, economic development, and cultural diplomacy.

Zeng's book is a timely and important contribution to the study of China's rising middle class. It provides a nuanced and detailed understanding of this influential group, and its implications for China's engagement with the world. The book is essential reading for anyone interested in the future of China.

#### **Key Findings**

Zeng's research reveals that the middle class in Shanghai is:

 Diverse: The middle class in Shanghai is a diverse group, with a wide range of incomes, occupations, and lifestyles.

- Aspiring: The middle class in Shanghai is ambitious and has a strong desire for a better life for themselves and their families.
- Engaged: The middle class in Shanghai is increasingly interested in engaging with the world, and is playing a growing role in shaping
   China's foreign policy, economic development, and cultural diplomacy.

Zeng argues that the middle class in Shanghai is a major force for change in China. They are driving economic growth, demanding political reform, and promoting social change. As the middle class in Shanghai continues to grow, it is likely to have a profound impact on China's future.

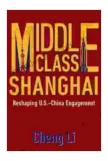
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#### **About the Author**

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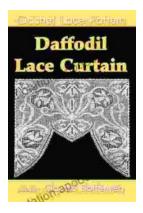
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