

Poetry Reading

Noted Korean-American
Poet

**Suji
Kwock
Kim**

will read and discuss her book
Notes From the Divided Country

2002 Walt Whitman Award Recipient
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Leaving China Town

Slicing a mango to share between us, your mother
smiles at the grinning fool I've become, pours me
more and more wine. You're working late uptown.
Green *platanos* searing in oil, saffron rice boiling,

black beans simmer with *sofrito*, chili, red onion
until steam clouds the room, tasting of salt,
wetting my eyes. What lies between us feels thin
as this mist, as strange. How real is it? When she takes

my face in her hands as she would open a fruit,
her ravaged voice cutting through me, I see her
as she must have been once, afraid of nothing—long before

she fell in love with your father, a man who shattered
what he touched, who left her eyes galled by all the other
faces, like yours, she might have looked into with love.

— Suji Kwock Kim

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April 5, 2005
12:30 - 2:30 pm
Mission College
Library Reading Room

This event is free and open to the public.

**Copies of Ms. Kim's book will be
available for purchase**

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