Andrew Lam, award-winning author of Perfume Dreams: Reflections on the Vietnamese Diaspora, and East Eats West: Writing in Two Hemispheres, will appear at Mission College Library to read and discuss his latest book, a collection of short stories called Birds of Paradise Lost.

He was the subject of a 2004 PBS documentary called My Journey Home, and for years, he was a regular commentator on NPR’s All Things Considered. His short stories have been widely taught and anthologized. He is a cofounder of New American Media.

What others are saying:

“As a fellow Vietnamese American, I don’t read Andrew Lam’s stories; I experience them. There are very few writers who can achieve this for me; Andrew can.” — Lac Su, author of I Love Yous Are for White People

“Read Andrew Lam, and bask in his love of language, and his compassion for people, both those here and those from far away. He reminds us that we have history in common; we can laugh and cry together.” — Maxine Hong Kingston