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Home sweet tome: 98 storytellers share memories of Hong Kong in book

Two years ago, keen storyteller Yuen Chi-hung, aka uncle Hung, started a monthly story-sharing session at the Hong Kong Arts Centre in Wan Chai.

In the public space shaded by the trees outside the centre, Hung and other storytellers often gathered to share and listen to other people's tales.

But on Wednesday, Yuen and a dozen other colleagues were there to be heard in another way by launching a book titled Our City Our Legends 103, which carries works by 98 storytellers.

The slice-of-life stories are based on the authors' lives, which may initially seem trivial to those unfamiliar with them. However, taken together, they present a multifaceted face of Hong Kong across generations, genders and social backgrounds.

There are stories about someone's grandmother, a bicycle and a farm, among many other personal subjects. They may not be about epic adventures or superheroes, but the tales of ordinary people are just as engaging.

The narratives are around two to seven pages long. And pages 302 to 307 are blank so that the reader can commit his or her own memories to paper. Alan Wong



Guests and storytellers at the launch of the collaboration work *Our City Our Legends 103* at the Hong Kong Arts Centre.