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TILTED SKY

Narrated by James Chen

Is it too much to ask for an ordinary, boring life?

Bai Jian is a typical Chinese boy growing up in a big city. But his life is far from typical: his mother abandoned him when he was a baby, and his father, Hei Jian, is always out of work, always fighting with his long parade of girlfriends, always getting the two of them involved in some harebrained scheme.

The latest idea involves spending every last dime they have putting Bai Jian up in a posh boarding school so that Hei Jian can leave, and pursue his dream of becoming a big-time movie director. All Bai Jian has ever wanted is a warm bed to sleep in, a safe place to return to at the end of the day, enough food to fill his belly ... and a family who's not just going to abandon him on a whim.

He soon realizes: while he may not have been born into this sort of family, maybe he can find one out there in the world himself?

From author Yao Emei and translator Kelly Zhang comes a heart-rending, emotional middle grade novel about a contemporary boy in China searching for a home—and whose resourcefulness and generous heart carry him through.

Listeners who fell in love with *Because of Winn-Dixie* and *Ghost* will discover an inimitable voice in Bai Jian that will stay with them forever.

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