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Nansook Hong

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Nansook Hong (born 1966), is the author of the autobiography, *In the Shadow of the Moons: My Life in the Reverend Sun Myung Moon's*

Family, published in 1998 by [Little, Brown and Company](#). It gave her account of her life up to that time, including her marriage to Hyo Jin Moon, the first son of [Unification Church](#) founder and leader [Sun Myung Moon](#) and his wife [Hakja Han Moon](#).^[1]

Korean name	
Hangul	홍난숙
Hanja	洪蘭淑
Revised Romanization	<i>Hong Nan-suk</i>
McCune–Reischauer	<i>Hong Nansuk</i>

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In the Shadow of the Moons: My Life in the Reverend Sun Myung Moon's Family is a 1998, [non-fiction](#) work by Hong and [Boston Globe](#) reporter [Eileen McNamara](#), published by [Little, Brown and Company](#) (then owned by [Time Warner](#)). It has been translated into German^[2] and French.^[3]

Author and investigative reporter [Peter Maass](#), writing in the [New Yorker Magazine](#) in 1998, said that Hong's divorce was the Unification Church's "most damaging scandal", and predicted that her then unpublished book would be a "tell-all memoir".^[4] In October 1998, Hong participated in an online interview hosted by [TIME Magazine](#), in which she stated: "Rev. Moon has been proclaiming that he has established his ideal family, and fulfilled his mission, and when I pinpointed that his family is just as dysfunctional as any other family - or more than most - then I think his theology falls apart."^[5]

In her review of the book for [Cultic Studies Journal](#), Marcia Rudin said that due to Nansook Hong's position within the Moon family, her story cannot simply be dismissed by [cult apologists](#) as an [atrocity tale](#).^[6] Rafael Martinez, the director of Spiritwatch Ministries, a [Christian countercult movement](#) organization, writes that the book is a "...painfully honest and personal reflection of her life as a bride to Hyo Jin, Moon's eldest son..."^[7]

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Hyo Jin Moon (December 3, 1962 – March 17, 2008) was a musician, performer, and recording facility executive and the eldest son of [Unification Church](#) founder [Sun Myung Moon](#) and his wife [Hak Ja Han Moon](#). He was born in [South Korea](#) and grew up in the United States in [New York State](#).^[8] He served as first president of the World Collegiate Association for the Research of Principles. For ten years Moon was head of the [Unification Church](#)-owned [Manhattan Center Studios](#) recording facility in [New York City](#).^[9] He served as worldwide president of the student branch of [Unificationism](#), [World CARP](#) (Collegiate Association for the Research of Principles).^[10]

On March 17, 2008 at 9:46 am local time, Moon died of a [heart attack](#) at the Moon family home in Hannam-dong in [Seoul](#), South Korea. FFWPU North American Headquarters announced that his Seung-hwa (ascension) ceremony was held on March 19, 2008 at Cheongpyeong Heaven and Earth Training Center, and The Wonjeon (burial) ceremony was held at Paju Wonjeon later that day.^[11]

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