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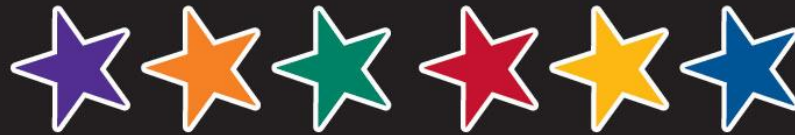
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Smaller community

Dedicated team of faculty and staff

First Year Seminar 101 and 102

Programs, Events, and Involvement
Opportunities



Sounds of the River

by Da Chen

“Da Chen’s absorbing and moving new memoir, SOUNDS OF THE RIVER, is about a Chinese boy desperately making his way West...What makes this vivid coming-of-age story so worthy is not so much the lively and amusing anecdotes of university or city life...or the often lush descriptions of life in Beijing...but a bracingly wry self-awareness that gives traction to a story that could be cloying but is instead funny, exciting, and moving.”

—New York Magazine



First Year Reading

Why do we have a First Year Reading Program?

Head start in academic activities
Shared intellectual experience
Critical engagement with ideas
Reading, listening, talking, learning



Experiencing the Book

101 Class

Undergraduate College Commons Day:
October 21, 2009
(Da Chen visit to campus)

Creative Expressions Assignment



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Create some work that represents your reaction to the First-Year Reading. In your representation, consider how this book relates to your personal, social or academic life. You may comment on a specific portion of the book, several sections of the book, or the book as a whole.

Written word: Submissions in this category may include essays, poems, and short stories

Artistic Expressions: Submissions in this category may include paintings, drawings, collages, songs, videos, and animation

Past Creative Expressions Assignment Examples

