

Love Across Time: ‘An American Girl’ by S. Naomi Main Featured at BIBF 2026

Explora Books brought S. Naomi Main’s faith-based narrative memoir, *An American Girl*, to the 32nd Beijing International Book Fair (BIBF), held June 17–21, 2026, at the China National Convention Center (CNCC) in Beijing.



Vancouver, British Columbia Jul 28, 2026 ([Issuewire.com](https://www.issuewire.com)) - The fair’s 40th anniversary theme—“Using Books as a Medium to Facilitate Communication and Dialogue, Leading to Cooperative Success for All Parties Involved”—found a natural resonance in a memoir built around a similar idea:

that relationships sustained through honesty, perseverance, and communication can endure even across war, loss, and decades of change.

An American Girl begins on November 28, 1968, at a burger counter in Westminster, Maryland, when sixteen-year-old Sharon meets a soldier named Mark Main, who is home on leave before deploying to Vietnam. He leaves her a ten-dollar tip and asks if she will write to him. What follows is a memoir told in Sharon's first-person voice—direct, reflective, and deeply personal. The narrative traces their journey from that first meeting through nearly fifty years of marriage, ending on December 29, 2019, fifty-one years after Mark's departure for Vietnam.

Music serves as a structural thread throughout the memoir. Chapters open with songs from the periods they depict, using familiar cultural touchstones to anchor personal milestones and emotional shifts. Alongside moments of joy and celebration, Main writes candidly about difficult chapters in their life together: separation, mistakes, reconciliation, and the gradual development of a faith that became central to their marriage and personal identity.

The 2026 edition of BIBF brought together over 1,700 exhibitors from 82 countries and regions and welcomed an expected on-site audience of over 300,000. As one of Asia's leading platforms for international publishing exchange and cross-cultural dialogue, the fair created opportunities for stories from different places and experiences to reach broader audiences. Within that setting, *An American Girl* introduced readers to a personal account of love that is grounded in resilience and faith and shaped by the experiences of everyday life.

The United Arab Emirates served as Country of Honor under the theme "Society and Humanity," emphasizing shared human experiences across cultures. That emphasis aligns with Main's memoir, which approaches larger subjects—war, faith, family, and endurance—not through historical distance but through lived experience and personal reflection.

Throughout the five-day event, *An American Girl* was featured at the Explora Books exhibition booth alongside other titles from the publisher's catalog.

[An American Girl](#) is available through Amazon and other major digital bookstores.

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