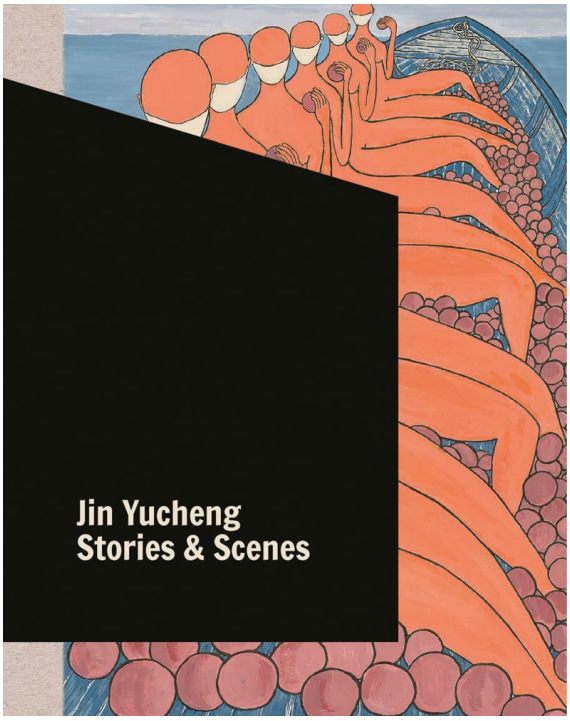
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Shanghai, second largest city in the world, is a hub of humanity. Never sleeping, never quiet, it is a flourishing center of commerce, finance and art. To Jin Yucheng, bestselling author of *Blossoms*, Shanghai is home. His art is steeped in the city's rhythms and quirks. The paintings in this volume compose a love poem to Shanghai, while acknowledging the lonely absurdity of modern urban life, and offering incisive commentary on traditional and modern China.

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Jin Yucheng, born in 1952, is a Chinese writer and painter. In 2012, Jin Yucheng published *Blossoms*: a full-length novel about the life of Shanghai citizens that caused a global sensation. *Blossoms* will be adapted into a stage play directed by internationally renowned director Wong Kar-Wai. This outstanding novel has won several top literary awards in China, such as the 11th Chinese literature media award, the first Lu Xin cultural award for fiction, and the ninth Mao Dun literary award. It has been praised as "the Best Shanghai novel and the Best Chinese urban novel". Jin Yucheng loves art and has been fascinated with fine arts in recent years. His paintings focus on Shanghai and China, combining history and personal memories, and showing his unique sensibility and imagination.

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