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**AMY TAN TO PUBLISH HER FIRST NONFICTION BOOK
WITH G.P. PUTNAM'S SONS**

New York, New York, January 8, 2003... Amy Tan, the award-winning, internationally-acclaimed, and **New York Times** best-selling author, will publish her first nonfiction book in hardcover with G.P. Putnam's Sons, it was announced today by Carole Baron, President of the imprint. The book, which is titled **The Opposite of Fate: A Book of Musings by Amy Tan**, will be published first in hardcover by G.P. Putnam's Sons in the fall of 2003 followed by a paperback edition from Penguin in 2004.

Crafted by Amy Tan from her writings, **The Opposite of Fate** will illuminate her beloved fiction, as well as give readers a glimpse into her heart and mind. Born into a family that believed in fate, Amy has always looked for ways to make sense of the world – other than the excuse of destiny. From retelling the tales of her ancestors, to redecorating her house, and from seeing ghosts to strapping on skis (and becoming a rock star), her narrative journey reflects on fate's opposites – lucky accidents, choice, memory, as well as on the comfort of accepting her past.

In addition to her adult novels, Amy Tan has written two books for children: **The Moon Lady** (1995) and **SAGWA The Chinese Siamese Cat** (1994), which was developed into an animated children's television series for PBS. Her essays and stories have appeared in numerous magazines and anthologies and her work has been translated into more than twenty-five languages. Tan was born in Oakland, California. She received her Master's degree in Linguistics from San Jose State University and worked as a language specialist in programs serving children with developmental disabilities. She has been married to Lou DeMattei since 1973. They live in San Francisco and New York with their Yorkshire Terriers.

Amy Tan is represented by Sandra Dijkstra of the Sandra Dijkstra Literary Agency.

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