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“A masterful work of historical fiction that happens to be in the form of a graphic novel, and a very accessible view into a complicated moment in Chinese history.” ?Dave Eggers

“In *Boxers and Saints*, Gene Luen Yang once again masterfully draws us into the most difficult issues of self-identity and communal understanding, with characters who struggle to act out of their deepest cultural and spiritual selves. But when they find that their commitments lead them in terrible, frightening directions—one toward massacres, another toward martyrdom—they must ask questions for which there are no easy answers. The brilliance of this novel--and I mean, aside from the brilliance in the telling of a major historical episode about which most North Americans know very little and which provides some critical lessons in political relationships--the brilliance lies in the merger of fast action and humor and very real characters and

startling graphics with a shattering sense of the brokenness of the world and our terrible need for compassion. Read this, and come away shaking.” ?National Book Award Finalist and Newbery Honor winner Gary Schmidt, author of *Okay for Now* and *The Wednesday Wars*

#### About the Author

**Gene Yang** began drawing comic books in the fifth grade. He was an established figure in the indie comics scene when he published his first book with First Second, *American Born Chinese*, which is now in print in over ten languages. *ABC*'s instant critical and commercial success, along with its status as a National Book Award finalist and winner of the Printz Prize, catapulted Yang into stardom as a brilliant writer for teens and young adults. *Boxers & Saints* is his most recent graphic novel.

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