Monkey Around

Jadie Jang

Presenting an action-packed, own-voices novel from Jadie Jang.

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A bold new take on the *Monkey King* from a Chinese-American author, perfect for fans of Jim Butcher and Ben Aaronovitch. *Monkey Around* is a diverse, dazzling romp of an urban fantasy.

San Francisco has a Monkey King – and she's freaking out.

Barista, activist, and were-monkey Maya McQueen was well on her way to figuring herself out. Well, part of the way. 25% of the way. If you squint. But now the Bay Area is being shaken up. Occupy Wall Street has come home to roost; and on the supernatural side there's disappearances, shapeshifter murders, and the city's spirit trying to find its guardian. Maya doesn't have a lot of time before chaos turns up at her door, and she needs to solve all of her problems. Well, most of them. The urgent ones, anyhow.

"As nimble and spirited as its were-monkey protagonist, *Monkey Around* is a wild romp through evocatively portrayed post-financial collapse San Francisco."

– Molly Tanzer, author of *Vermilion* and *Creatures of Will and Temper*

Claire Light (writing as **Jadie Jang**) is almost as organizy as her characters. She started a magazine (*Hyphen*) and an arts festival (APAture) with a cast of Asian Pacific Americans even more magical, if less supernatural, than the ones she writes about. She also got an MFA, went to Clarion West, and compromised between the two by publishing a collection of "literary" sci-fi short stories (*Slightly Behind and to the Left*) that maybe 100 people read. After wrangling arts and social justice non-profits for 17 years, her already autoimmune-disease-addled body threw a seven-year-long tantrum, leading our then-house-bound heroine into an urban fantasy addiction.

A few years, and a dozen Euro-centric-mythology-dominated urban fantasy series later, Claire sat up and said "I can do this!" and Jadie Jang, the part of her brain that writes snarky-fun genre romps, was born. She posts about monkeys every Monday under @seelight on Twitter.

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