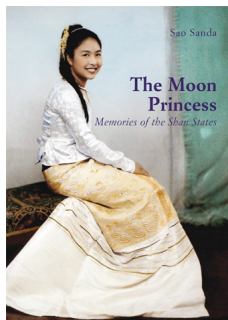


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Narrated by the eldest daughter of Sao Shwe Thaik, The Moon Princess is both an autobiography and at the same time provides a fascinating memoir of her father who, in 1948, became first President of the Union of Burma. She describes growing up in the Shan States and records the changes that occurred during the periods of British colonial rule, war and Japanese occupation, the return of the British administration, the troubled years after Burma's independence and the military takeover in 1962.

It is a personal account of a family caught up in political turmoil which led to the loss of a brother and a father, the first during the coup and the latter, in military custody. Studying at Cambridge, Sanda, met her English husband, Peter Simms and later they lived in Rangoon against a background of political upheaval until the end of democratic rule forced them to leave their home and their country, never to return.