

Proverse Author and Honorary Advisor to the Proverse Prize Olga Walló will launch her Hong Kong published book in New York, 27 January.

Following a recent talk by Proverse publisher Gillian Bickley to the Hong Kong Women in Publishing Society about the joint topics, how to approach publishers and the Proverse Prize, here is a good illustration of how a book published in Hong Kong can travel quickly overseas. Olga Walló's book, "Tightrope! A Bohemian Tale", was translated by two women, one living in Toronto, Canada, one living in the Czech Republic, edited by Proverse in Hong Kong and illustrated by Monika Abbott in New York.

Olga lives in the Czech Republic and her interesting and unusual childhood and girlhood is indicated in her book, an autobiographical novel. (Her father was a convinced communist, a film-director, and her mother was an actress who didn't want to act. Subsequently Olga herself spent thirty-five years as translator and dubbing director for Czech TV.)

Olga was in New York several months ago. With Monika Abbott, she visited the Czech Centre in New York and it was arranged that the two of them would give a presentation there after "Tightrope!" was published.

The book was published on 23 November. Copies were sent to New York. On Thursday, 27 January, Olga and Monika will make their presentation.

The event is currently being promoted on the Czech Centre website and you may like to visit the following page:

<http://www.bohemiannationalhall.com/index/viewevt/lang/en/ev/274/page/0>

It will be quite an event. The presentation and reading will have Music accompaniment by Ondrej Pivec (keyboard) and Karel Ruzicka Jr. (saxophone). -- If anyone will be in New York, USA, do go along. The Czech Centre is at: 321 E 73rd St, New York, 10021. The event is free. Check the website for details about registration, etc.

Olga's book is in Hong Kong bookstores and available online from the Chinese University of Hong Kong Press, Shatin, NT:

[http://www.chineseupress.com/asp/e\\_Book\\_card.asp?BookID=2942&Lang=E](http://www.chineseupress.com/asp/e_Book_card.asp?BookID=2942&Lang=E)

It is also available online from the New Zealand online bookseller, Fishpond.nz:

[http://www.Fishpond.nz.co.nz/Books/Fiction\\_Literature/General/9789881890504/](http://www.Fishpond.nz.co.nz/Books/Fiction_Literature/General/9789881890504/)

Amazon.com and Amazon.com.uk also distribute the book.

If you read "Tightrope! A Bohemian Tale", please let us know. Your comments would be valued. And if you go to the event in New York, please let us know about that too!