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## Description:

**From Publishers Weekly** In four discursive essays and an introduction, Jong (*Fear of Flying; Any Woman's Blues*) ruminates on the elements of her writer's life. Most notable is sexuality: pursuit of the muse has often meant pursuit of a demon lover, a man utterly wrong for her. She walks away from Ted Hughes in the 1970s, but not from many other wrong men. Jong has had four husbands, one child and 20 books in the past four decades. Now in her 60s, she's well-read, well-traveled, therapized, happily married and sexually satisfied. Her memoir in vignettes asserts that without writing, Jong would go crazy, drink well beyond the excesses of her past and be miserable. Writing has propelled her forward into a fulfilled life. There is a fine section on women writers who pursued death (Plath, Sexton, Woolf); Jong explains why she refused to be one of them. These chatty, gossipy essays are just serious enough to count as literary. Jong, however, shrugs off the immense economic

privilege that allowed her to write and travel from adolescence and meet famous people who influenced her writing early. She also never explains how she writes. Engaging and amusing, this work is less substantive than it could or should be. (Mar.)

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**From** Jong, who has never managed to repeat the success of *Fear of Flying*, which she penned at the age of 31, offers a memoir whose original intention—to give advice to aspiring writers—is lost in a haze of largely unconnected and, according to many critics, gratuitous anecdotes. Though Jong has written 19 other books, the spirit of Isadora Wing, *Fear of Flying*'s heroine, haunts her at every turn. As a result, *Seducing the Demon* feels derivative. Some critics applaud Jong for remaining steadfastly honest in her analysis of her own personal life and offering her thoughts on writing. Others conclude that, her debt to Isadora Wing paid in full, Jong might want to tilt at new windmills.<BR>Copyright © 2004 Phillips & Nelson Media, Inc. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

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