

Contents

<i>Translator's preface</i>	page vii
<i>Introduction to the English edition</i>	xi
Michael Hockx	
Introduction: <i>wuxia</i> novels and me	1
1 The <i>xiake</i> dream of the literati through the ages	8
2 <i>Haoxia</i> stories of the Tang and Song dynasties	34
3 <i>Xiayi</i> novels of the Qing Dynasty	58
4 Twentieth-century <i>wuxia</i> novels	79
5 Carrying a sword and doing <i>xiake</i> deeds	106
6 Sweet revenge	131
7 <i>Feeling Smug in Jianghu</i>	159
8 Roving to the ends of the world	195
9 <i>Wuxia</i> novels as a literary genre	223
<i>Translator's glossary</i>	242
<i>Select bibliography</i>	246
<i>Index</i>	249