

**APPENDIX I**  
**SUMMARY OF THE NOVEL *THE THIRD SON***

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*The Third Son* is a novel about someone who struggles to find happiness and freedom. Saburo is the main character in the novel who faces challenges from his family and the people around him. The story defied into two parts. First part when Saburo still struggle in his own country Taiwan and the second part is Saburo's struggle in America.

Saburo is the third son from six brothers and sister. He has two oldest brother and one younger brother who has been died because of *pneumonia*, and two sisters. Saburo got a little attention from his parents especially his mom. His character who different from his brothers be the reason for his mother treat him like that. When his brother stays at home to study, Saburo prefers to go outside and play in the rice field. In facts, his mother does not like when Saburo go outside because that time America often sent the bombs to Taiwan as their opposition to Japan which colony Taiwan.

Saburo met a girl name Yoshiko when he back from school earlier because of the air raid. He spends time with Yoshiko with listening to her story about her family while their way to go home after he helps her and her cousin. Yoshiko story about her family makes Saburo wants to have a family like that. A family that supports each other even though the challenges they are faces not easy. Yoshiko's flabbiness also touches the Saburo's heart, she is the first person who treats him well.

Saburo's struggle began after he meets Yoshiko. He has the wish to achieve Yoshiko dream that is going somewhere such as to China, Japan or America. Make his dream come true by marry Yoshiko and has a son give more strength to Saburo to do well in America. Even though his family not to give attention to his wife and son he keeps going well. Saburo also faces challenges in America, but remember about his family that he leaves in Taiwan, he gets more enterprising to study there.

Saburo successful in America proves his ability to his family and people who consider he is not able to achieve his dream. In the end, his wife and son come afterward him to America. They begin their new life there and be a family that Saburo wish.

## **APPENDIX II**

### **BIOGRAPHY**

Julie Wu is a Taiwanese-American novelist and medical doctor. Wu was born on April 2, 1967. After graduating from Harvard with a BA in literature, magna cum laude, Phi Beta Kappa, Julie Wu received an MD at Columbia College of Physicians and Surgeons. She has received a writing grant from the Vermont Studio Center and is the recipient of a 2012 Massachusetts Cultural Council fellowship.

The Third Son is her first work inspired by her parents' story. Currently Wu is actively writing articles on her blog. During the writing of her book, Wu closed her medical practice to focus on writing books.