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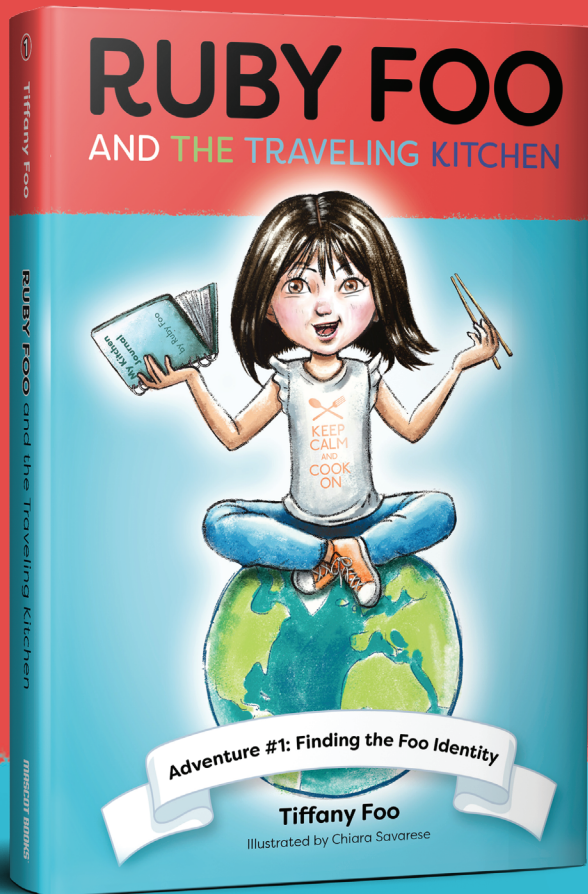
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In addition to Ruby Foo and the Traveling Kitchen, Tiffany Foo published the sequel Ruby Goes to Spain! Both books are available everywhere books are sold.

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## CHINESE CULINARY LEGEND AND PHILANTHROPIST

**Ruby Foo was born in 1904 in San Francisco.** In 1923, she moved to Boston and opened Ruby Foo's Den on Hudson Street, a single-room restaurant that quickly became one of the city's most popular eateries. The Den was heralded as the first Chinese restaurant that successfully catered to and attracted a non-Chinese clientele. Throughout World War II, the Den served as a meeting place for theater, sports, and political stars, including players for the Boston Red Sox, actor Danny Kaye, jazz singer Sophie Tucker, and Boston's Mayor Michael Curley. Ruby Foo went on to open similar restaurants in New York City, Miami, Washington, D.C., and Providence. She was one of the first successful female restaurateurs and mentored dozens of aspiring chefs in Boston.

In 1938, Ruby Foo's life changed forever when she saw a picture of a baby crying among the rubble of a Shanghai railroad station that had been bombed by the Japanese in newspapers and magazines. She arranged for the child to be brought to the United States, where she adopted him and raised Ronald as her own, along with her other two children, Earl and Doris. Ronald Foo is author Tiffany Foo's father and inspired the character Gong Gong in Finding the Foo Identity. He grew up in Boston, and in 1955 enlisted in the United States Air Force and served his country until 1959, when he began working for Pan American Airlines at J.F.K. International in New York. Presently, Ronald Foo is retired in Florida.

In The City of Boston conducted an archaeological dig in 2019 that took place at Ruby Foo's landmark restaurant on 6 Hudson Street.

Ruby Foo's life continues to resonate with the public. She is now listed on the 2022 Boston's Women's Heritage Trail as part of the "Public Foodways Trail" which takes tourists on an educational journey through Boston's public dining history and introduces them to the extraordinary women behind the scenes.

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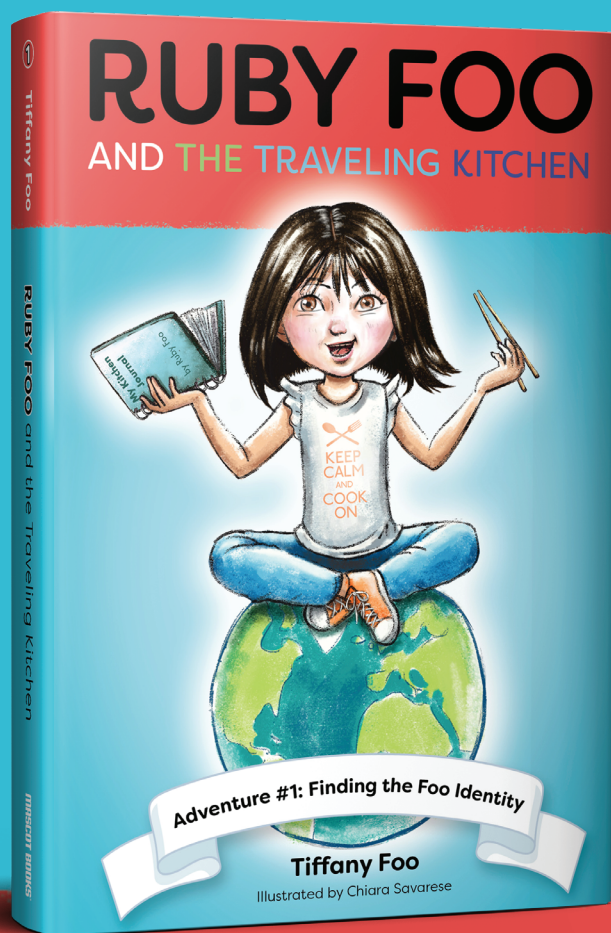
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