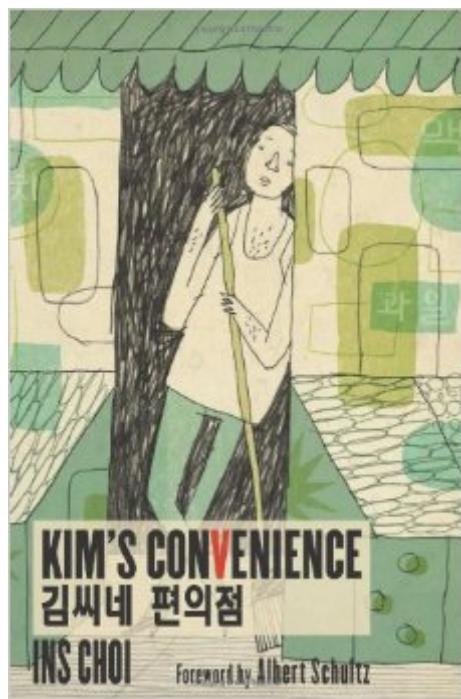


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# Kim's Convenience



## **Synopsis**

Winner of Best New Play and the Patron's Pick Award at Toronto's Fringe Festival, Kim's Convenience is the critically acclaimed, wildly popular, smash-hit debut by celebrated actor, playwright, and poet Ins Choi. Mr. Kim is a first-generation Korean immigrant and the proud owner of Kim's Convenience, a variety store located in the heart of downtown Toronto's Regent Park neighbourhood. There, he spends his time serving an eclectic array of customers, catching petty thieves, and helpfully keeping the police apprised of illegally parked Japanese cars. As the neighbourhood quickly gentrifies, Mr. Kim is offered a generous sum of money to sell â " enough to allow him and his wife to finally retire. But Kim's Convenience is more than just his livelihood â " it is his legacy. As Mr. Kim tries desperately, and hilariously, to convince his daughter Janet, a budding photographer, to take over the store, his wife sneaks out to meet their estranged son Jung, who has not seen or spoken to his father in sixteen years and who has now become a father himself. Wholly original, hysterically funny, and deeply moving, Kim's Convenience tells the story of one Korean family struggling to face the future amidst the bitter memories of their past. This edition includes an eight-page black-and-white photo insert of the original Fringe production and the Soulpepper production.

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## **Customer Reviews**

I saw this play in Toronto, and wished for about the hundredth time that San Francisco could not only put on plays like this but get the actors to do so. Wonderfully written, smart, funny, moving, and

timely, this play really made me laugh and think. With so many Korean as well as other immigrant students in my classrooms, I'm ordering it so I can consider teaching it in my college literature courses. There are some very specific Toronto issues (easily solved with a city map and a Toronto discussion) but the bigger issues will apply to many.

See the play. great modern story. Anyone who is or knows a first generation child of immigrants -from Europe or Asia will relate

Funny, endearing, and highly relatable for this (first generation immigrant) reader. Can't wait for the CBC-TV adaptation this year as well.

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