

## Outpouring of grief after death of celebrated martial arts novelist Louis Cha

Louis Cha, a Hong Kong newsman and **celebrated** Chinese martial arts novelist, has died aged 94, sparking tributes and **an outpouring of grief** across the Chinese-speaking world.

celebrated 著名的

outpouring 感情的强烈流露

grief 悲伤

Ming Pao, the Hong Kong newspaper co-founded by Cha, said he died Tuesday at a Hong Kong hospital after a long illness.

Best known by his pen name Jin Yong, Cha was widely considered one of the world's most influential Chinese writers. He **transfixed** generations with his **martial arts** epics, such as "The Legend of the Condor Heroes", selling hundreds of millions of copies and inspiring numerous film and television **adaptations**.

martial arts 武术

adaptation 适应, 改编

transfix 使目瞪口呆

While his novels often vividly depicted ancient Chinese **swordsmen** and their heroic quests, Cha was equally **lauded by** his fans and literary experts for his ability to **encapsulate** human nature, Chinese culture and political **allegories** in his writing.

swordsmen 武侠; 剑士

laud 称赞; 赞美

encapsulate 浓缩; 封装

allegory 寓言

Cha's death was the top trending item on the Chinese microblogging platform Weibo on Tuesday evening, with the topic amassing more than 1.3 billion views by Wednesday morning.

Fans in Xiangyang, a city in northwestern Hubei province that featured ***prominently*** in Cha's work, gathered to hold a candlelight ***vigil*** on its ancient city walls, local media reported.

prominently 显著地

vigil 守夜；监视

Cha was born in 1924 in the southern province of Zhejiang, before moving to Hong Kong in 1948. He penned his first novel, "The Book and the Sword" in 1955 and went on to write 14 more.

Hong Kong chief executive Carrie Lam issued a statement expressing "deep sorrow" over the death of the "learned man and an ***acclaimed*** writer".

acclaimed 受到赞扬的