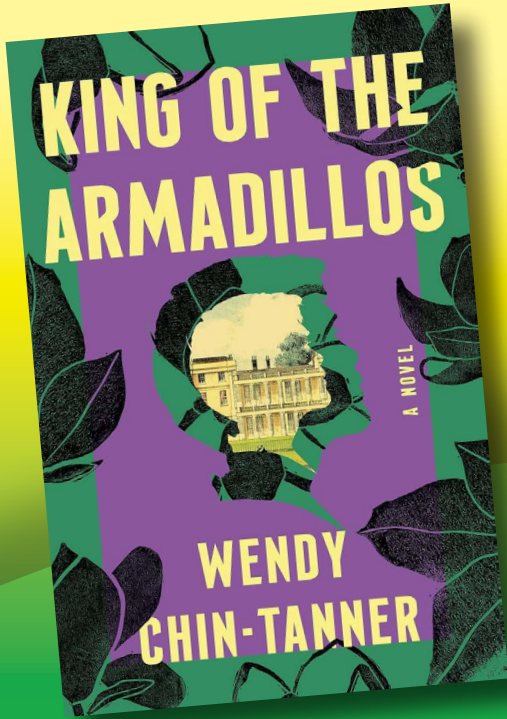


CETL Common Read



Join us for a Book Talk, Reading, and Q&A with **Wendy Chin-Tanner**, author of the QCC Common Read book *King of the Armadillos*.



Wendy Chin-Tanner

March 19, 2025
12-2pm • Science, Room 111

About the book: Set in the 1950s in New York City and Louisiana, *King of the Armadillos* tells the story of Victor, a young Chinese immigrant to America who is diagnosed with Hansen's disease (informally referred to at that time as leprosy) and sent to quarantine and be treated in a medical institution in the Deep South. The novel explores topics such as immigration and Americanization; racism in medicine and healthcare; and the role of music in healing and reconnecting with one's self. Though fictional, *King of the Armadillos* is based upon the real-life experiences of Chin-Tanner's father.

Born and raised in New York City, Wendy Chin-Tanner is the author of numerous poems and essays as well as the poetry collections *Turn* and *Anyone Will Tell You*. She is also the editor of *Embodied: An Intersectional Feminist Comics Poetry Anthology*; co-author of the graphic novel *American Terrorist*; and co-founder of A Wave Blue World, an independent publishing company for graphic novels.

More information on the Common Read can be found here:
<https://www.qcc.cuny.edu/cetl/common-read/index.html>

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