

## Biography

Gary Schweitzer Tong  
Born in Budapest, Hungary,  
of Chinese and Hungarian parents, 1942  
Emigrated to USA, 1957

## Education

Queens College (CUNY), B. A. in Classical Languages, minor in Linguistics and Music, 1965. Magna cum Laude

Columbia University, summer 1964

Harvard University, M. A. in Assyriology, 1968. (Three years' of doctoral candidacy ended due to lack of resources and being an artist, I then began work in illustrating books.)

## Awards

Author of the Year -- Scholastic Books -- 1982

Woodrow Wilson Fellow -- 1966

Phi Beta Kappa -- 1965

National Defense Educational Fellowship in Chinese -- 1964

National Merit Scholarship -- Letter of Commendation -- 1961

## Work

1969 to present -- technical illustration and cartography -- major trade and text publishers

## Author

Modeling in Self-hardening Clay, Larousse, New York, 1976 and Pelham Books, London, 1977

Gary Tong's Crazy Cut-outs series of paper engineered toys (Scholastic, 1979-1988, also in Dutch and French editions)

## Music

Composer and accompanist—songs collection for two sopranos and mezzo-soprano—recital at Weill Hall in Carnegie Hall, New York City, December 9, 1988

Composition and production—music for the PBS documentary *Balancing Act*, 2004

## Other

Research assistant and photographer—Center for Cognitive Studies, Harvard University, 1968-1969

Research assistant (Harvard University / Boston City Hospital—experiments in stereoscopic vision), 1969

Photographer—T. B. Brazelton, *Infants and Mothers*, Delacorte, 1969

Photographer—J. S. Bruner, *Processes of Cognitive Growth*, Clark U. Press, 1968

## Inventor

Two U.S. patents in dental hygiene, 1997

Toy prototypes exhibited in New York Toy Fairs by Creative Group Marketing, Stamford CT 1966-2000

Toys licenced by Schylling, 2002

Toy designated for promotional marketing in the USA of the British children's book series Mr. Men, 2000