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Are you familiar with old Hong Kong in the 1950s and 1960s? Are you curious about how a foreigner perceived the city during that time? *Gweilo: Memories of a Hong Kong Childhood* by Martin Booth offers an insightful glimpse into this vibrant era.

As a child living in Hong Kong, Booth navigated various valleys and encountered people from all walks of life, creating a world filled with adventure and novelty. His memoir captures these precious memories, sharing his unique perspective as a "gweilo," a Cantonese slang term for foreigners. (Note: While Booth embraces this term, it's best to avoid using it in everyday conversation.)

One striking passage describes a dish that ignites curiosity: "What appeared before me was a salad with, arranged around it, some bizarre, pink, curled objects with long feelers, a battery of legs and black shoe-button eyes. Each of these weird creatures was about four inches long." Can you guess what Booth is referring to? It's prawn! This playful riddle encourages readers to see the world—and everyday objects—through a fresh lens.

In short, *Gweilo* is a captivating memoir that not only celebrates Booth's childhood but also invites readers to rediscover the beauty and complexity of life in Hong Kong. Whether you have a personal connection to the city or simply a curiosity for its history, this book is an enriching read that will resonate long after the last page.

