



TWO GUN COHEN

The improbable true story

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Cast

Morris 'Two-Gun' Cohen	<i>Jonathan Meyer</i>
Seymour Major	<i>Brian Seaton</i>

The action takes place in 1942 in a Japanese prisoner of war cell in Kowloon, Hong Kong.

In there is **Morris 'Two-Gun' Cohen**, an East London Jewish born adventurer, con-man, gambler and charlatan who through a sequence of unlikely events ended up as a General in the Chinese Army. With him is **Seymour Major**, the Head of Hong Kong Special Branch.

Facing a precarious and uncertain future, they pass the time talking about how Morris acquired his legendary nickname and status.

This is the story of a remarkable man who survived world and civil wars and was integrally involved with the key figures and events in the development and separation of modern China and Taiwan; a situation that is still making headlines today.

For WP Drama

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Logo, Poster, Sound Design	<i>Brian Seaton</i>

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Key figures, organisations and events mentioned

Dr Sun Yat-sen: Chinese statesman, physician, and political philosopher. Leader of the Revolution. Served as the first provisional president of the Republic of China and the first leader of the **KMT** (Nationalist Party of China). He is called the 'Father of the Nation' in the Republic of China.

Madam Sun, Soong Ching-ling: Widow of Dr Sun Yat-sen, later Vice Chairman of the People's Republic of China.

The Kempeitai: The military police of the Imperial Japanese Army notorious for its brutality.

The Kuomintang (KMT): The Chinese political party that ruled mainland China from 1927 to 1949 prior to its relocation to Taiwan as a result of the Chinese Civil War.

Chiang Kai-shek: Successor to Dr Sun Yat-sen as leader of the KMT. who evacuated his Nationalist government to Taiwan.

Mao Zedong: Chinese politician and revolutionary. Leader of the Chinese Communist Party and founder of the People's Republic of China.

Puyi, The Last Emperor of China: Final Qing dynasty monarch. Became emperor at the age of two in 1908 and forced to abdicate February 1912.

For more information about Morris Cohen and these events visit
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