

Two babushkas

Masha Gessen

The tale of two women: both Eastern European Jews who lived through Polish and Russian anti-Semitism, the Second World War, the Holocaust, and the Stalin years and who bore unceasing intimidation and fear in very different ways but with similar courage, resourcefulness and sheer chutzpah.

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Married to a Bedouin

Marguerite van Geldermalsen

Fascinating account of life as a Bedouin in the late twentieth century, written by a New Zealand woman who found love where she least expected it.

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Not even my name

Thea Halo

10 year old Sano Halo, a Pontic Greek in Turkey, survived the death march that annihilated her family. Stripped of everything she had ever held dear, even her name, at age 15, Sano was sold into marriage to a man who took her to America. He was three times her age. This is her story.

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Autobiography of a Geisha

Masuda, Sayo

At the age of 6, Masuda's poverty-stricken family sent her to work as a nursemaid. At the age of twelve, she was indentured to a geisha house.

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Alison Wearing

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Azadeh Moaveni

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Leaving Mother Lake: a girlhood at the edge of the world

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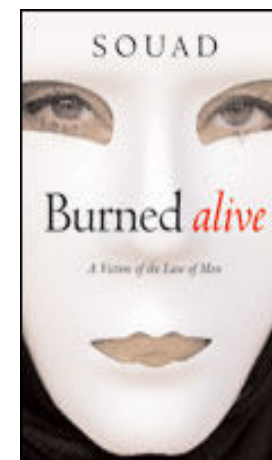
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Women in Different Cultures



Infidel: my life

Ayaan Ali Hirsi

Sometimes harrowing, the story of *Infidel* includes innocent childhood memories, mutilation, war, deprivation, tragedy, adventure, drastic adaptation and inspiring achievements.

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Falling leaves return to their roots: the true story of an unwanted Chinese daughter

Adeline Yen Mah

The story of an unwanted Chinese daughter growing up during the Communist Revolution, blamed for her mother's death, ignored by her millionaire father and unwanted by her Eurasian step mother. A story of greed, hatred and jealousy.

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Journey from the land of No: a girlhood caught in revolutionary Iran

Roya Hakakian

A girl growing up in a Jewish community in Tehran during the takeover of the Ayatollah Khomeini. She paints pictures of a changing Iran, from a land that was immersed in the poetry of life and discovery to one that spoke of militaristic prayer and repression, where Jewish people were once again subject to anti-Semitism and where women were stripped of many of their rights.

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Burned alive: a victim of the law of men

Souad

The story of a young girl from the West Bank, who survived an attempted honour killing.

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Escape

Carolyn Jessop

17 years after being forced into a polygamous marriage, Jessop escaped from the cultlike Fundamentalist Church of Latter Day Saints with her 8 children. She recounts the events that led her to break free from the oppressive world she knew and how she has managed to survive since escaping, despite threats and legal battles with her husband and the Church.

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I, Safiya

Safiya Tudu

Safiya was convicted of adultery in Nigeria. An international campaign saved her from being stoned to death. Now her face has become an emblem of hope.

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When she was white: the true story of a family divided by race

Judith Stone

Born in apartheid era South Africa, Sandra was officially registered and raised as a white child. But she was mercilessly persecuted at her white boarding school because of her dark skin and frizzy hair. Aged 10, she was removed from school by the police and reclassified as "coloured." Sandra later eloped with a black man, and her parents disowned her. The young woman, who had only known the privileged world of the whites, chose to begin again in a poor, rural, all-black township.

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Mayada: daughter of Iraq

Jean P. Sasson

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Love in a torn land

Jean P. Sasson

Joanna al-Askari's personal journey of fear and fortitude through a Baghdad childhood and life as a Kurdish freedom fighter during the Iran-Iraq War. Inspiring and unforgettable, *Love in a torn land* shares Joanna's passionate and unflinching determination to survive and fight—for love, life, and the freedom of her beloved Kurdistan.

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Desert rose

Mary Weijun Collins

At 10, Weijun's father was condemned as an enemy of the Chinese Communist Party and banished to a labour camp. Weijun was sent to the Gobi desert for ten years of terrible hardship and misery. Forced to live in appalling conditions in a cave, she laboured in sub-zero temperatures - a virtual slave. Against this background of terrible hardship Weijun managed to teach herself English and eventually escaped from the desert to become a teacher, and wound up living in New Zealand.

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Inside the kingdom

Carmen Bin Laden

Carmen, half-Swiss, half-Persian, married into the Bin Laden family in the 1970s. She was young and in love, and was hurled into a society she neither knew nor understood. Her story takes us inside the Bin Laden family and a power structure in which men regularly subordinate their wives. It also tells of the author's own personal battle to keep custody of her daughters after her separation from her husband.

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