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Daughters Of The Dragon



Synopsis

When twenty-year-old Anna Carlson travels from America to a Korean orphanage to locate her birth mother, she's devastated to learn the woman is already dead. But just when it seems her search is over, a stranger hands her a parcel containing an antique comb and an address. That scrap of paper leads Anna to the Seoul apartment of the poor yet elegant Hong Jae-hee. Jae-hee recounts an epic tale that begins with the Japanese occupation of Korea and China during World War II, when more than two hundred thousand Korean women were forced to serve the soldiers as comfort women. • Jae-hee knows the story well "she was one of them. As Jae-hee's narrative unfolds, Anna discovers that the precious tortoiseshell comb, with its two-headed ivory dragon, has survived against all odds through generations of her family's women. And as its origins become clearer, Anna realizes that along with the comb, she inherits a legacy of resilience and courage, love and redemption beyond her wildest imagination. Revised edition: This edition of Daughters of the Dragon includes editorial revisions.

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Customer Reviews

Absolutely an outstanding read. I lived in Korea for several years and grew to love everything about this magnificent little country and its people. Everyone should learn more about the hardship these people have had to endure and this book tells it all "warts and all" I cannot recommend a book more highly.

I don't normally do reviews, it's just not my thing but I felt compelled with this book. I have read a lot

of World War Two stories from many different perspectives but never have I read one from the viewpoint of a comfort women. I am ashamed to say I didn't even know they existed. There was an earlier review that said something about the author making up the story to fulfill his own sexual fantasy and it almost deterred me from reading this book. But I wanted to set the record straight, at no point in this book did I feel it was the authors sexual fantasy. On the contrary, I felt this was the very compelling and heart felt story of one women's tormented but victorious life story. The story needs to be told and it is very well written...Do yourself a favor and read this book!!

Fascinating story of survival and courage. Those who suffer make the world a better place. We who follow need to know their history.

I feel like I'm a pretty slow reader, averaging at a good pace maybe one book a month. I finished this book in about a week so I know it was good. An event in world history that I was truly ignorant of, but now feel passionate about, Daughters of the Dragon weaves the fictional story of Hong, Ja-hee around the true events that took place not only in WWII, but also throughout the Korean war which to this day has never ended. As a Westerner, I admittedly focus more on European and American histories in my readings so this book has opened an entirely new and fascinating subject for me. I found myself Googling parts of this story to lead me to more articles on the topic and learn more about this time period and geography. This book does not let America off the hook either for its participation in the division of Korea and allows you to draw your own conclusions or remain yourself divided as the narrator of the story, Anna Carlson aka Ja-Young, finds herself. We are still presently living in this situation with a divided Korea and while as Americans, it seems easy to determine that North Korea is villainous because of its sordid history of dictatorial and brutal leaders, Kim Il-Sung, Kim Jong-il, Kim Jong-un, we must remember the beautiful people who still live there and recognize the shameful history that Korea has had with respect to hostile invaders who never allowed it to be its own sovereign nation. Bill Andrews definitely has my attention and I anxiously wait his sequel (or maybe prequel is a better descriptor) to this story with his new book that goes into the history of Empress Myeongseong

I was not fully aware of the awful situations these young girls experienced during WW II. It is sad that these terrible acts of violence were tolerated and worse yet that so little has been done for the survivors.

This book is a must read. Every person needs to know this history and the suffering and shame these poor women endured.Excellent story telling, excellent book.

This was a story about the courageous life of a young girl who went through an unimaginable horror. I couldn't put this book down. I had no idea that this atrocity occurred. It wasn't a part of the history lesson.

I heard stories about comfort women but never really understood the full impact. The book was informative and heartbreaking the way the Korean society reacted and victimize these women. It is a story that needs to be told.

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