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Story Of A Comfort Girl



Synopsis

In 1991, a Council for Korean Comfort Women's issues was formed to record the testimony of survivors of the Japanese Labor Service Corps, a branch of the Japanese military charged with setting up brothels to serve its troops during WWII. To populate these "comfort stations," as they were euphemistically called, the Japanese army drafted or tricked some two-hundred thousand girls, most from rural Korea, into coming to work in military "factories." Instead, they were forced into sexual slavery. After the war, the surviving comfort women, gripped with a crushing sense of shame, rarely if ever spoke about their ordeals. As a result, their suffering has barely been acknowledged in history books. Realizing that the survivors were dying off, the Council was formed to record their accounts before it was too late; before Japanese revisionists erased these unfortunate events from the history books forever. "Story of a Comfort Girl" is the moving first-person account of one such survivor.

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Customer Reviews

Roger Rudick's "Story of A Comfort Girl" personalizes the forced prostitution and rape of tens of thousands of women in the World War II era Far East at the hands of the Japanese military. Rudick takes the reader on a journey of reminiscence from the modern era, back decades through rural

East Asia, viewing horrific suffering, pain, and death. The journey is viewed through the naive eyes of a young teen forced into a life of "servicing" soldiers yet adds a retrospective look on the events from one who survived, while 3/4ths did not. In the modern world it is easy to forget or ignore such injustices in human history. However, after reading this account and understanding the incredible brutalities suffered by these "Comfort Women," one hopefully comes away with a new understanding and sympathy not just for this tragedy, but for the estimated 1+ million women today in the human trafficking trade around the world. After reading "Story of a Comfort Girl" one has a new and altered look at the Japanese military of WWII and the suffering of women worldwide. Highly Recommended.

For the current generation World War II is old news, lists of dates and battles learned in school, old black & white movies. It's an event that was over a long time ago. But current historians have been discovering new facts and untold stories, made them come alive, and changed our perception of history. The immensely popular "Band Of Brothers" is just one example, where viewers come to feel that the men involved were friends and family. So it is with "Comfort Girl..." The story of the Japanese Imperial Army kidnapping young Korean and Chinese women for use as sex slaves during the war is obscure and largely unknown. Based on fact, Roger Rudick's novel brings this story to life. It gives a great sense of who these women were, what they endured, and how these events happened. Above all, it honors the lives of these previously forgotten "comfort girls" by keeping their stories alive. I highly recommend it.

I enjoyed the detailed and straightforward yet beautiful writing. The heroine's story is heartbreaking especially in light of the Japanese government's refusal to take ownership for its actions.

I had never heard of the absolutely hideous practice of kidnapping adolescents to "service" the Japanese troops. The story was well written--from the viewpoint of one of the girls. It is a story that should never be forgotten so that it is never repeated--like the Holocaust. Hard to read, but it certainly makes you think, and I'm very glad I read it.

Brilliantly written by the author! I finished the book in 1 day and still wanting to read some more. Everyone should own a good book and this book is the one!

I really enjoyed the excellently written story about Comfort Girls during the war between Japan and

the U.S. It is a horrifying tale of something only the Japanese people could think up, making women and girls available for sex with soldiers. Most of these women and girls were tricked into leaving their homes for jobs, only to be shipped off to some military station and placed in comfort huts where the soldiers could come and use them for sex over and over, up to 15 per night. The Japanese government denied the existence of comfort zones.

This is a testimony of yet another atrocity in WWII perpetrated against the innocent and blameless. This is the story of one of the Korean women and girls forced to serve as prostitutes in a Japanese military camps. The protagonist is very intelligent, and sensitive with a great inner force. I feel great admiration and respect for this woman, who never lost her humanity and dignity in spite of the terrible suffering and degradation she had to endure.

This story made me sad, mad, and frustrated at the mass of human suffering and the brutal experiences each person suffered. This story represents one woman's experience in one country in one war but this is still going on but is called sex trafficking. And there are victims who suffer as senselessly as comfort women. It is a shameful part of humanity and I applaud this author for following through with this story.

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