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Biography/Memoirs

Unfinished Stories : From Genocide to Hope / Mick Yates
Phnom Penh: IPML Services, 2019
vi, 107p. ; Photo, Col. & Black & White.
Includes Bibliography
9789924936800
\$ 65.00 / HB
800gm.

The Khmer Rouge Genocide of 1975 - 1979 killed between 1.7 and 2.2 million people yet its devastating impact on Cambodia continues to resonate even today, often hidden from view. This book is about the personal, untold stories of Keo Sarath and Beng Simeth who suffered appallingly during the Khmer Rouge reign of terror.

It is also a story of hope, of two unassuming individuals who went on to dedicate their lives to education.

We first met Sarath and Simeth in 1999, and their memories of those times have never been published before.

The book combines Mick's photography of the aftermath of Genocide from the now silent Killing Fields with powerful and poignant narratives from Sarath and Simeth.

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Comics & Graphic Novel

Year of the Rabbit /Tian Veasna (Translator) Helge Dascher
Quebec City, Canada: Drawn & Quarterly, 2020
380p.
9781770463769
\$ 34.95 /PB
722gm.

Year of the Rabbit tells the true story of one family's desperate struggle to survive the murderous reign of the Khmer Rouge in Cambodia. In 1975, the Khmer Rouge seized power

in the capital city of Phnom Penh. Immediately after declaring victory in the war, they set about evacuating the country's major cities with the brutal ruthlessness and disregard for humanity that characterized the regime ultimately responsible for the deaths of one million citizens. Cartoonist Tian Veasna was born just three days after the Khmer Rouge takeover, as his family set forth on the chaotic mass exodus from Phnom Penh. *Year of the Rabbit* is based on firsthand accounts, all told from the perspective of his parents and other close relatives. Stripped of any money or material possessions, Veasna's family found themselves exiled to the barren countryside along with thousands of others, where food was scarce and brutal violence a constant threat. *Year of the Rabbit* shows the reality of life in the work camps, where Veasna's family bartered for goods, where children were instructed to spy on their parents, and where reading was proof positive of being a class traitor. Constantly on the edge of annihilation, they realized there was only one choice—they had to escape Cambodia and become refugees. Veasna has created a harrowing, deeply personal account of one of the twentieth century's greatest tragedies.

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Official Publication

National Strategic Plan of Identification 2017-2026 : “Guide acceleration efforts to increase birth registration rate and identification in Cambodia”

Phnom Penh: General Department of Identification, 2016

1v.

English & Khmer Language

\$ 45.00 / PB

460gm.

The National Strategic Plan aims to achieve a long-term vision for Cambodia — that every person has a legal identity. This will require building a modern, permanent, universal civil registration system (CRVS) that will generate reliable vital statistics and an integrated population identification system (IPIS). Building these systems will eliminate the necessity to develop parallel systems for population identification, thus ensuring the efficient use of resources. Cambodia is currently looking to revise their legislation related to CRVS and would welcome advice on this matter.

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