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LIVING IN HELL (LIVING IN HELL Kindle)



Synopsis

Living in Hell is a true story providing a window into the life of a young woman growing up in Iran. It is also an educational history of Iran and its people. Although this story is entirely mine, it is also the story of too many women in the Middle East who suffer similar fates. Iranian women have come a long way since I grew up in Iran but still much needs to be done for them, as well other women of the Middle East, to become completely independent, able to make their own decisions and stand up for their rights with head held high. If there is a lesson to be learned from my life it is that, even though my past was ruined, my future is entirely in my own hands. Growing up in such a volatile time made me who I am today. What didn't kill me made me stronger. Without those experiences, I would have glossed over others' pain. Despite the pain I endured I don't consider my life as suffering. And, as they say, "Pain is unavoidable, suffering is optional." I hope you draw from the educational narrative of this book and I look forward to reading your reviews on . My next nonfiction book will be called Inside the Beltway. You can find me on LinkedIn, Facebook, Google Plus and Twitter.

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Customer Reviews

A frightening memoir of growing up under Iran's male-dominated oppressors, confirming that the mad ayatollahs have, in 27 years, wrecked a once-vibrant nation and destroyed its culture. Omid's Iran is a dysfunctional society in a "coma of ignorance," led by "mindless fanatics." Males are obsessed with money and hymens. Women, if they aren't victims, have sold out and joined the Pasdar spies who hound female violators of the ayatollahs' decrees. Throughout, Omid displays numerous perceptive, valuable observations: Ayatollah Khomeini's command of Farsi was so weak he could barely be understood; his mullahs took the Shah's palaces after the overthrow, then cornered the black market for food to become "even richer" than the Shah; 70 percent of Iran's villages have been destroyed or abandoned under the mullahs. She also harbors no illusions about Iran's wickedness: "If Iran becomes a nuclear power," she warns, "the world should start digging, either their shelters or their graves..." What is most riveting, however, is her striking journal of personal pain within her abusive family—her brother forced her into persistent incest, her wealthy father humiliated her and abandoned the family to destitution and she was forced to battle her way out of one arranged engagement after another. Little wonder she has emerged on the far side, in Vancouver, as a brittle manic-depressive finding it difficult to outrun her past. Omid wrote most of *Living in Hell* in a single month while under a therapist's care, imbuing the work with a powerful sense of urgency. Passionate and commanding.

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