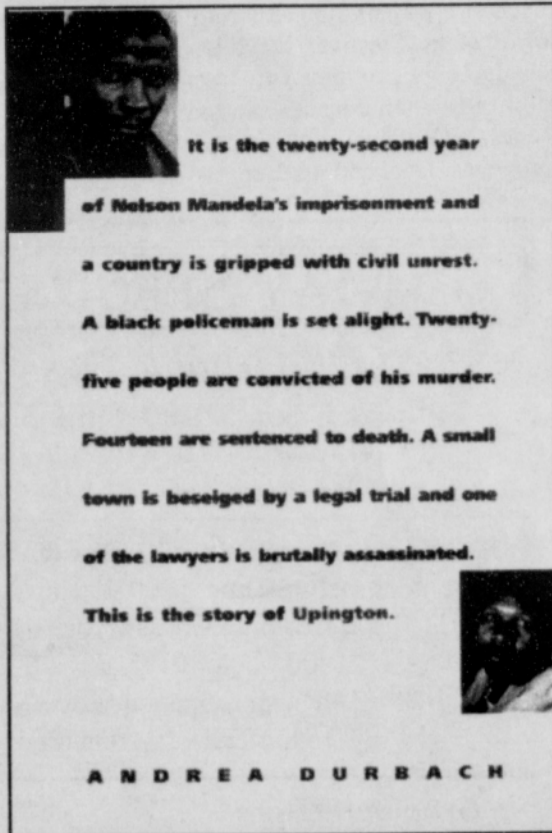


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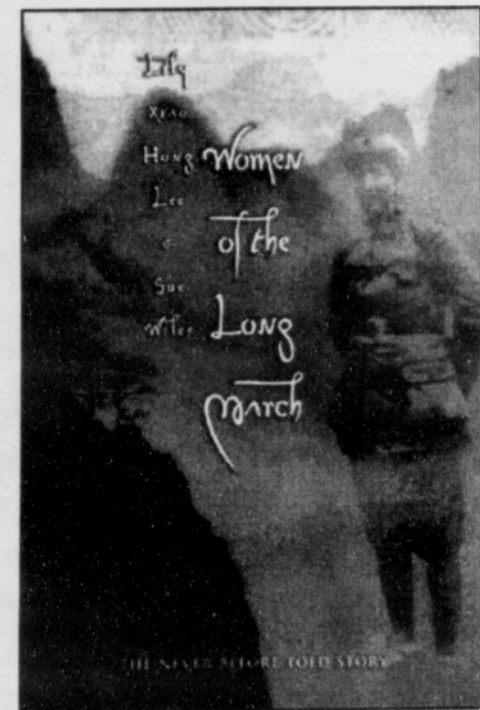
In May 1991, journalists, news crews, and human rights activists from around the world gathered in front of Pretoria's notorious Central Prison to watch the release of 14 black South Africans from Death Row. Upington is their story. It is also the story of their fellow accused and the young white woman who became their lawyer. It tells of a country undergoing vast change and the painful process of reconciliation with a savage past. It unravels a trial of personal and political complexity that ends in the assassination of one of the defense lawyers and the eventual exile of another to Australia, a country coming to terms with its own history. Upington triggers the excavation of a private life and reveals the inextricable link between personal and political transformation, the challenge of choice and the ultimate resolution that comes with 'doing time'.



Women of the Long March

By Lily Xiao Hong Lee & Sue Wiles Allen & Unwin; 1999

Just seventeen when they became lovers, Mao's second wife He Zizhen was condemned to a life of loneliness after he tired of her. A strong young peasant who only wanted to be a soldier, Kang Keqing was called the Girl Commander. Married at seventeen to a man she didn't know, the illiterate peasant girl Wang Quanyuan left him to fight alongside the Red rebels. This is the story, never before told in English, of these women, three of the thirty women who marched out of southern China with 85,000 soldiers of the Red Army on their famous Long March. He Zizhen and several other women gave birth along the way, only to be forced to leave their babies behind; Kang Keqing endured the same hardships as the men, shouldered arms and fought alongside her male comrades; Wang Quanyuan fell foul of party politics and was eventually captured by enemy Moslem cavalry. Drawing on published and unpublished sources, including interviews, this is the moving story of one of the great events of 20th century history. From the time of their early revolutionary fervor when they harbored the same ideals, to the ordeal of the Long March, and the very different reality they faced after the success of Communism, this book tells of the journey of the women who defied tradition to fight for their own liberation and the liberation of China.



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