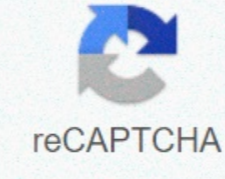




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For the 2017 film adaptation, see *First They Killed My Father* (film). *First They Killed My Father* First editionAuthorLoung UngCover artistLoung Ung, Mary SchuckCountryUnited StatesLanguageEnglishEnglishGenreMemoirPublicPublicationShip2000Media typePrint (paperback)Pages238 p.ISBN0-06-093138-8OCLC45831904 *First They Killed My Father: A Daughter of Cambodia Remembers* is a 2000 nonfiction book written by Loung Ung, a Cambodian author and child-aliveing survivor of the Democratic Kampuchea. It is her personal account of her experiences during the Khmer Rouge regime. Overview Until the age of five, Loung Ung lived in Phnom Penh, one of seven children of a senior government official. She was a precocious child who loved the open city markets, fried crickets, chicken fights and her parents to sassing. While her beautiful mother worried that Loung was a troublemaker, her beloved father knew loung was a smart girl. When Pol Pot's Khmer Rouge army captured Phnom Penh in April 1975, Ung's family fled their home and moved from village to village to hide their identity, their education, their former life of privilege. Eventually, the family spread to survive. Because Loung was resilient and determined, she trained as a child soldier in a labor camp for orphans, while other siblings were sent to labor camps. As the Vietnamese liberated Cambodia by overthrowing the Khmer Rouge, the surviving siblings were slowly reunited. Buoyed by the shocking courage of one brother, the vision of the others and supported by her sister's gentle kindness amid brutality, Loung forged herself a new life. [1] Reception The book was harshly criticized by Sody Lay, co-founder of the Khmer Institute Website, for historical inaccuracies and cultural inauthenticity. Reflecting on this negative review in an article for the Society for the Study of Multi-Ethnic Literature of the United States, Dr. Bunkong Tuon acknowledged the criticisms of Sody Lay's review, but defended Ung's work. Instead of rejecting Ung's text outright, the article argued that scholars should first read *They Killed My Father* not to amass historical facts about the Khmer Rouge, but rather to experience his emotional truth and consider his subjective, narrative gaps and fissures as a signifier of trauma and a proof of the destruction committed by the Khmer Rouge. [2] Film editing Editorial: *First They Killed My Father* (film) The book has been adapted into a film produced and directed by Angelina Jolie. The film premiered on February 18, 2017 in Siem Reap, Cambodia. [3] The heart of it is Loung's story. Jolie says of the film, It's the story a war through the eyes of a child, but it is also the story of a country. To construct an accurate portrait of the genocide and war, Jolie used only Cambodian actors speaking their native language, Khmer. She gathered herself survivors and their children to recreate their stories. The film was filmed in Cambodia. References ^ *First They Killed My Father* (Ung), LitLovers. Picked up april 9, 2015. Tuon, B. (June 5, 2013). Inaccuracy and Testimonial Literature: The Case of Loung Ung's *First They Killed My Father: A Daughter of Cambodia Remembers*. MELUS: Multi-ethnic Literature of the United States. 38 (3): 107–125. doi:10.1093/melus/mlt032. ^Angelina Jolie Pitt to Direct Netflix Original Film "First They Killed My Father". Wall Street Journal. Picked up July 25, 2015. External links Booknotes interview with Ung on *First They Killed My Father*, March 19, 2000, C-SPAN Presentation by Loung Ung on *First They Killed My Father*, June 13, 2000, C-SPAN *First They Killed My Father* on Netflix. Retrieved from Although it has not been officially released in theaters worldwide, *First They Killed My Father* has impressed audiences around the world, especially those who experienced the part of war when the trailer was released. The film has participated in a number of international film festivals, which are highly appreciated by professionals and representatives of Cambodia to compete in the Category Outstanding Foreign Language Film at the Oscars 2018. The film is the story of Loung Ung's childhood The bloody war went from reality to books and to the big screen Not based on any idea or script, the film *First They Killed My Father* is the true story of the life of Loung Ung - who witnessed the brutality and in humanity of the Khmer Rouge army in the final years of World War II. Loung Ung was born into a family whose father was a senior officer in the Lon Nol government - before being overthrown by the Khmer Rouge army. The day the U.S. pulled its troops out of sunny, windswept Cambodia, the day the Khmer Rouge came to power was also the day the entire Ung family moved from the capital class to the no-life class. More bitter the whole family and the capital Phnom Penh were tricked into the suburbs by the Khmer Rouge to avoid the US, but essentially created an opportunity for them to create a counterattack. The paltry amount of money he spent was also cleaned up by the ruthless soldiers in the middle of the road, with no more money to work for the former government, his entire family was arrested in a concentration camp Khmer Rouge activities. The family of nine, including five-year-old Loung Hao, had to work to serve so-called Khmer Rouge soldiers on the battlefield. Loung's childhood is no longer as beautiful as before, she is separated from her parents and siblings, only fighting and witnessing the barbaric crimes that Pol Pot soldiers committed on the people. Despite living in the conditions of witnessing the crimes of the soldiers, But Loung Ung is not affected by the ruthlessness of the Pol Pot army that takes place from day to day, hour after hour. She has stood resiliently as weed branches meet the spring rain, she always holds in her belief that one day life will be without blood and tears, she will live a quiet life just like other children in the world. The Khmer Rouge pain caused is still forever The film made by leading Hollywood actress and cinemat filmmaker *First They Killed My Father* is the third film female star Angelina Jolie to take over as producer and director. With the experience of the lead actress, there are many successful film works Angelina Jolie has given the public a new perspective on the war, especially the crimes that the Pol Pot army committed to innocent Cambodians. By Loung Ung's gaze, the claustrophobic atmosphere of the war is diminished but don't forget to remind the public of the physical and mental pain that Cambodian people suffered, especially the children under the Khmer Rouge regime. It also features cinema filmmaker Anthony Dod Mantle, who won an Academy Award for images in the 2008 film *Slum Millionaire*. Under the lens of Anthony Dod Mantle, the audience noticed Cambodia's antagonism; from the bereat, honest people to the cruel Khmer Rouge, from the rice paddies directly to the lawns to the abandoned temples. Many beautiful scenes of Cambodia are on screen, many authentic scenes that reflect the brutal nature of war are at work. The combination of the duo has given the audience a cinematic work that contains many messages Literature. Behind-the-scenes producer Angelina Jolie of *First They Killed My Father* is one of the few films in the world that operates the theme of the Khmer Rouge genocide in World War II after the Oscar-winning film *The Killing Fields - The Field of Death* directed by Roland Joffé (1984). In addition, the works in which this historical event are in the documentary series, so Angelina Jolie's film has caught the attention of both the world and film critics in recent times. The film is not just a work she dedicated to her good friend Loung Ung and her Cambodian son Maddox; these are also valuable lessons on history, human rights and humanitarian spirit. It is also easy for the audience to see the actress' appreciation for the country when using only the Cambodian sites, cast and dialogue in the native language. Author: rapchieuphnm.com (CEO) - Very few people find the courage in themselves to face the darkness. Fewer people can enter that shadow and create human values. Loung Ung is such a woman. By using the gift in written form to recreate memories of life in the dead fields of Cambodia, she carries a message of hope in her books, films and humanitarian activities. When there is something that can help you to get through the darkness, it is a remedy. Ung once said, and she turned her silence into beauty in *First They Killed My Father: A Daughter of Cambodia Remembers*. When the book was titled *First They Killed My Father*, directed by Angelina Jolie, she was a co-writer. How did writer Loung Ung She go from a state of silence to the decision to speak out about what has happened in Cambodian history? I was 5 years old by the time Khmer Rouge soldiers raided my city and destroyed my life. From 1975 to 1979, through forms of rule plus poverty, disease and forced labor, the Khmer Rouge killed an estimated two million Cambodians, accounting for nearly a quarter of the country's population. Among the victims were their parents, two sisters, and 20 other cousins. At that time I was young, had no voice and suffered in silence. My three books came from my desire to get my voice back and use it to tell people what happened not only during the war, but also how families survived that war. *First They Killed My Father: A Daughter of Cambodia Remembers*, my first book about what a family needs to survive the war (in my case, genocide in Cambodia). The second book, *Lucky Child*, is the story of two happy sisters who survived shortly after the state of war was announced. The latest book, *Lulu in the Sky*, I write about the bond love between my family and me - which helped us move on after surviving. In 2013, I was one of the authors of *Kir Rising* about 9 girls from developing countries who are not only struggling to survive, but also enjoying their right to education despite challenges such as poverty, arranged marriage, family slavery and sex trafficking. How has writing helped in the process of sharing your grief? As a child, I was often angry when I heard people say how lucky I was to just be a child at the time of the war to imply that maybe I forgot or didn't remember what happened. I wanted to yell at them that I still felt pain, but there were no words to explain what I was feeling. So I'm quiet. As an adult, knowing how to use language, I found myself needing to talk to this silent child to free her. For years she still lived in silence and fear, even ashamed that she survived. Loung Ung's book *First They Killed My Father* allowed me to stand up for my status. As I wrote, I screamed, cried, missed my family and became angry at crime and brutality. All this emotion is expressed by the roughness of a child's heart. When I finished writing, I felt liberated in some way. And I don't just find myself lucky survived the war, but also to thank the child in the past. I'm also stronger at fighting my way out of the dead fields. What's your darkest role in writing a memoir? I come from a culture where girls have to speak and walk carefully. A woman is considered the norm to walk so carefully that no one knows she approaches her and smiles without exposing her teeth. So to write a book about his family and then have to stand up and raise his voice in front of a group of people is always hard for me. Sometimes I feel traumatized by having to share the most intimate details of our lives and struggles, our heartbreaking feelings and anger, our love and our losses. But I also feel very strong and strong in telling my story. I know that I not only share my own war stories, but also tell stories about Cambodia's beauty, love, family, courage and beauty. And I'm proud of that. It seems that writing memoirs is a healing process. How can we ruminate childhood memories in English - helps or hinders the language she wants to say? My second book, *Lucky Child*, tells the parallel story of two lives: my own, and that of one of my sisters, named Chou, who was staying in Cambodia. It's a story that spans 15 years - around the time we were separated, from when I left in 1980 until I first came back in 1995. Since my first visit, I have returned to my homeland 25 times. To write the book, I had to translate into not only Chou's Cambodian and Chinese, but also the Chinese, Cambodian culture where she lived. I translate not only in English, but also in the written form. Cambodian tradition is oral history instead of published books. Even the concept of copyright is understood differently in Cambodian culture. The U.S. is a place that values personal factors. I started to think: family, not this is what I have achieved. Everything I have is shared with my family. *Lucky Child*, from the very beginning, is our collective achievement. What about Loung Ung and mother and daughter Angelina Jolie on the set of *First They Killed My Father Growing Up in a War?* Over a period of three years, eight months and 20 days, my normal life at the age of less than 5 years ended abruptly. Khmer Rouge soldiers moved in with rifles and grenades, and evacuated everyone from the city. We go from civilized life to living in factories without electricity, water or toilets. I went from normal life to the middle of the war. What happened to you and your family? One by one, our rights are taken away. First, the Khmer Rouge soldiers took our place, everyone has the same hairstyle and wears the same clothes. In the first year we were so hungry that we couldn't walk. Those soldiers also separated my family. They took my 14-year-old sister and two older brothers. Soon after, they went to see my father and a few days later we were told he had been murdered. We got news that one by one was killed. Everything changes. When the war is over, how do you deal with that loss? The doctors were worried about my physical health. I was so malnourished that American doctors had to keep a close eye on me. But no one helped me heal the trauma so I didn't believe that my mother had abandoned me, or that my father was definitely under attack, or that my siblings had died of starvation. It wasn't until I grew up that I understood the scars of this emotional wound, but at the age of 10 I didn't understand. After the big loss, she kept walking. What's helped you move forward? Life is a long journey. Sometimes you go to a destination to see that you have to keep going. Shortly after losing my parents, I was alive because I didn't know how to die. I'm too young to lose my life. After those moments were over, I realized I didn't want to die. I want to live for my father. He must think I'm very. And want me to survive. I loved my father very much and I had to honor him. On the other hand, all I could do was embrace what was available to me, taking the strength to breathe the next breath. That's all I have. Loung Ung (right) and Angelina Jolie But she wasn't upset. Have you ever been angry? For a while, I was mad at my mom for taking me. For three years, I have a different opinion. My mother did her best in that situation. She knew that to survive, we couldn't stay together. Where does the rest of your family live now? I still have a sister and brother in Cambodia, and two older brothers in America. You still stay in touch with two people in Cambodia? I go to Cambodia a lot. I've been there over 30 times. I work with the Cambodian American Veterans Organization, so I've been back and about for the past fifteen years. What's life like in Cambodia these days? The country still has many problems, but has been revived: a new generation of artists, new buildings, new roads, and much more is and continues to take shape. We were one of the great rice-producing countries, but the war destroyed it. Currently, rice farms have resurfaced. Being a witness is a great happiness. I'd like to go back to Cambodia. How do you heal your wounds? I love my job and my ability to share posts. I've had a serious injury, and I've taken the time to look at myself. I went in to heal myself. Then I went back and became an activist in campaigns to ban landmines, end violence against women and ban the use of child soldiers. Now, I approach and give humanitarian aid in any way in my power. Loung Ung and actor Srey Moch Sareum (playing Little Ung) on the series *First They Murder My Father* as Cambodia recovers from the historical consequences of genocide, as a writer, what do you think Cambodian writers to help promote nation building and justice? Everything is considered good! There are many and issues that can be written in Cambodia. So I think it doesn't matter what they write, it's important that they write stories that used to shake their hearts, stories that keep them up at night. I write because I want readers to act. Whether they're involved in an anti-mining campaign or writing a letter somewhere expressing their infatuation, they need to follow their passion. For me, it's important to act. Peace is an act. I am incredibly grateful to so many people around the world for giving me faith and giving a helping hand when we need it. It could have been a heartwarming consolation when I was a child or a piece of food that would keep me alive for another day. All their efforts, actions, motivation and support have given my family and I the chance to cross the dead fields to live in peace. Join a cause. Doing something new is important! What do you think of the role of art in, storytelling through writing and helping an individual and a country to recover from trauma??? I'm a writer, so I feel ine qualified to answer this big question. However, for me personally, all art forms have its own value and beauty. I appreciate what art can do, in any medium, to capture the grace and beauty of every historical moment. For me, writing is art and passion. When writing a story, I use words to bring it to life. I also have friends who are painters, dancers and musicians, they use paint brushes, their bodies and their voices. When there is something that can help you overcome the darkness, it is the cure. The younger generation of Cambodians in their teens and 20s continue to be influenced by Cambodian history. Which channels belong to the art/media channels or a combination of channels (e.g. education, government, business) that you believe are most important to enable the transfer of a new story to future generations? I'm pretty computer blind and just use it to write emails and books. Full the digital world upset my mind and confused me. But I love learning what young people use – Is it possible to write a novel with tweets? It's all right! Can you combine Haiku and Rap? Why not? Is it a problem to mix traditional Cambodian music with pop? It's already done! I'm happy to see what the younger generation is and will create that way. Loung Ung (right) and Angelina Jolie What do you want to send to readers and moviegoers, especially those who are in the same situation as her or similar causes? Since 1997, I have been supporting the Cambodian International Veterans Organization, a charity that strives for recovery and provides much-needed assistance to war victims and mines. Our four centres have given more than 20,000 Cambodians gifts of prosthetic limbs, wheelchairs and other mobile devices. This allows many disabled people to walk, work, play, go to school and support their families. What was her reaction when she first saw her old life appear on screen? Happy and grateful! I think I'm really grateful that the movie was made and it was made by a friend who I trust. I'm really happy about it. Of course, I was deeply saddened to see some of the scenes in the film, not the deadly fire scenes, but also the scenes of families sitting together at dinner. That image broke my heart. Is it fair to say that the sense of happiness of sharing her story with the world will replace the harrowing she faces in the film? Good. The story has never been silent in me. Maybe he slept in the sign of many other people in the world, but never like me. It existed in my head, my heart and my dreams, in my stomach and weighed on my shoulders at different times in my life. So I learned to deal with it for years and learned to heal. I'm glad the movie honors families and stirs up traditions while changing people's hearts and minds. Vis As an activist, I'm happy that my generation of descendants knows what they happened to their history and knows that we have done so with love. 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