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The Unquiet Daughter



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Synopsis

Danielle Flood, a journalist born of the wartime love triangle that inspired the one in Graham Greene's *The Quiet American*, searches for her father after surviving a bizarre youth of privilege, estrangement and cruelty. As she yearns for her father's love and presence, Danielle's beautiful French and Vietnamese mother leaves her in burlesque house dressing rooms in the American Midwest, in convent schools in Long Island and Dublin, and with strangers in New York City. Meanwhile she lies to Danielle about their past for decades in this sometime-humorous near-tragic love story between a daughter and a mother and more. In the end we learn if Flood's journey through the truth of what happened between her parents in early 1950's Saigon satisfies her life-long quest for who she is. "The Unquiet Daughter by Danielle Flood is the true story of an exceptional woman. It takes the reader on an amazing journey. Exotic, mysterious, exciting, and romantic. Bravo Danielle Flood. It's a classic." - Oscar-nominated actor Elliott Gould "When I was 13 or so, the Vietnam War in full flower, reading Graham Greene's *The Quiet American* let me appreciate fiction in a whole new way. Years later, Danielle Flood's riveting memoir-cum-mystery-story has let me appreciate Greene and his novel - and the intersections of fiction and nonfiction - in new ways. Such a story! And so beautifully told." - Kurt Andersen, novelist, host of the public radio show Studio 360

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THE UNQUIET DAUGHTER, A Memoir of Betrayal and Love, by Danielle Flood, Piscataqua Press, Portsmouth, New Hampshire, 2016It takes guts to write an honest memoir, to name names and tell the truth, not to sugarcoat things that may not reflect well upon the writer, to acknowledge flaws, stumbles and failures. Granted, the â œrulesâ • for memoirs are looser than those for autobiographies, but, still, one exposes oneâ™s self, and it can be a cold and unforgiving reception out there in the world when one does so. I give a lot of credit to anyone, then, who writes a memoir, especially, most especially, to a truly honest and unflinching look at oneâ™s life. Journalist Danielle Floodâ™s brilliant The Unquiet Daughter is a rare example of the best I have seen in memoir writing. There are so many bad ones out there, so many that are very poorly written, even with the assistance of highly-paid ghostwriters. (Yes, ghostwriters for memoirs!) The good, the bad, the ugly of a life are presented thoughtfully in The Unquiet Daughter. Beyond that, this book exists on so many other planes, on many levels. It is a mystery exploring the most profound of mysteries: Who am I? From where, exactly, did I come? It is a tour de force of investigative reporting detailing the last days of the French and Americans in Vietnam during a tragic war. It is also, au fond, a story of what it means to be human, to bounce back from adversity and to have the capacity to forgive those who have been unkind and uncaring. And you will care for the heroine of this memoir, someone who is time after time betrayed and abandoned by those she loves so fiercely and yet bounces back. Danielle Flood thought her stepfather, the American CIA agent Jim Flood, was her biological father; he was not.

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