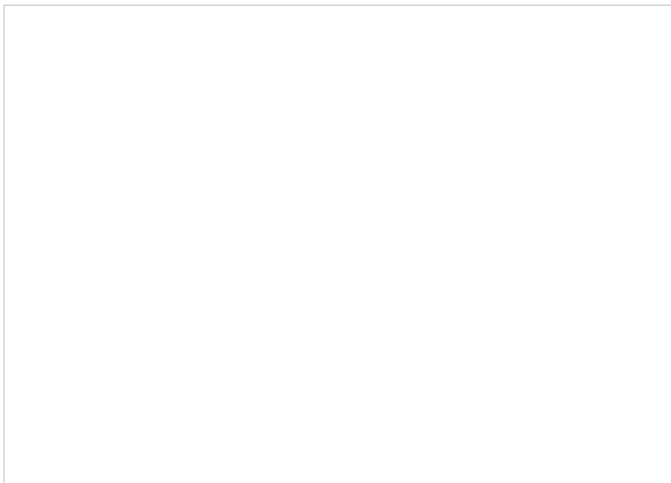


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Description:

Oprah Book Club® Selection, May 2001: At the age of 5, Malika Oufkir, eldest daughter of General Oufkir, was adopted by King Muhammad V of Morocco and sent to live in the palace as part of the royal court. There she led a life of unimaginable privilege and luxury alongside the king's own daughter. King Hassan II ascended the throne following Muhammad V's death, and in 1972 General Oufkir was found guilty of treason after staging a coup against the new regime, and was summarily executed. Immediately afterward, Malika, her mother, and her five siblings were arrested and imprisoned, despite having no prior knowledge of the coup attempt.

They were first held in an abandoned fort, where they ate moderately well and were allowed to keep some of their fine clothing and books. Conditions steadily deteriorated, and the family was eventually transferred to a remote desert prison, where they suffered a decade of solitary confinement, torture, starvation, and the complete absence of sunlight. Oufkir's horrifying descriptions of the conditions are mesmerizing, particularly when contrasted with her earlier life in the royal court, and many graphic images will long haunt readers. Finally, teetering on the edge of madness and aware that they had been left to die, Oufkir and her siblings managed to tunnel out using their bare hands and teaspoons, only to be caught days later. Her account of their final flight to freedom makes for breathtaking reading. *Stolen Lives* is a remarkable book of unfathomable deprivation and the power of the human will to survive. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

From Publishers Weekly Brychta's suave and subtle Arabic lilt perfectly capture this first-person narration of a Moroccan family's harsh exile as punishment for the transgressions of its patriarch. After enjoying a fairy tale upbringing as the adopted daughter of King Muhammad V in his palace, Oufkir, along with her mother and siblings, was imprisoned in a succession of desert jails after her father engineered a failed coup against the king's heir, King Hassan II, in 1972. The Oufkirs were forced to endure 20 years of solitude, infested prison cells and the ever-worsening depravity of their captors. Oufkir worked with Fitoussi to produce a crisp memoir that bristles with imagery, perhaps owing to Oufkir's continual storytelling in jail to try to keep her family's misery temporarily at bay. The production is gracefully laced with haunting Middle Eastern airs, which, in conjunction with Brychta's voice, render a truly otherworldly feel. A central tension here is in the currency of a story that seems possible only in an age long gone. A chronicle of endurance and the aftereffects of a grim ordeal, this engaging recording inspires as just as much indignation as it does admiration. Based on the Talk Miramax hardcover (Forecasts, Jan. 29).

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After fifteen years, the last ten of which they spent locked up in solitary cells, the Oufkir children managed to dig a tunnel with their bare hands and make an audacious escape. Recaptured after five days, Malika was finally able to leave Morocco and begin a new life in exile in 1996. A heartrending account in the face of extreme deprivation and the courage with which one family faced its fate, *Stolen Lives* is an unforgettable story of one woman's journey to freedom. Read more. Read less. Thursdays, join life-long friends Kari and Alexis as they use literature to humorously explore pop-culture and personal peculiarities, with a dash of relatable cynicism. Travel across worlds real and imagined as they read their favorite passages. Take a break from your routine with a book club that doesn't judge. Just kidding, they're judgy. After a failed coup d'état, however, he is killed, and the lives of his wife and six children are changed forever. His older daughter, Malika Oufkir, survived a desert jail for two decades as one of the "disappeared," along with her family. This is her story. Malika incarcerated with her siblings. The youngest was three years old. We're also taking a look at child marriages, prevalent worldwide including here in The States for our theme of the week. In their third desert jail, they lived for 15 years in complete isolation. Over time, their weaknesses became a formidable force, leading them to plan and successfully escape. However, they were recaptured and placed under house arrest in 1987. They were released with three other political prisoners in 1991. Then she became an international celebrity upon the publication of her book, *Stolen Lives: Twenty Years in a Desert Jail*. Her New York Times bestseller landed her an episode of the American news show, 60 Minutes special, and US Cosmopolitan named her Woman of the Year. But she completely stopped thinking of suicide when Oprah Winfrey told her on her show, "I wanted you [here] so I could say in front of millions of people, 'You are my hero.'" Start by marking *Stolen Lives: Twenty Years in a Desert Jail* as Want to Read: Want to Read saving | Want to Read. Compelling true-life events are told in a haphazard manner with no story telling ability. Although I was intellectually horrified at what this family was subjected to and amazed at their determination to survive, the story was told with such detachment that I consequently felt emotionally detached. I know it's nonfiction but I expected to FEEL something and the cold, disjointed litany of facts left me wanting. Her descriptions of everything (from people, to events, to material aspects of her w Compelling true-life events are told in a haphazard manner with no story telling ability. 1: All the des princesses -- My beloved mother -- The king's palace 1958-1969 -- The Oufkir House 1969-1972 -- 2: Twenty years in prison -- A year in the desert 25 December 1972-8 November 1973 -- The walls of Tamattaght 8 November 1973-26 February 1977 -- Bir-Jdid prison 26 February. 1977-19 April 1987 -- Escaped prisoners 19 April-24 April 1987 -- Marrakesh 1 July 1987-19 February 1991 -- A strange kind of freedom. Access-restricted-item. true.