

The Patience Stone

A Good Morning America Buzz Pick A Library Reads Pick June Jones emerges from her shell to fight for her beloved local library, and through the efforts and support of an eclectic group of library patrons, she discovers life-changing friendships along the way. Lonely librarian June Jones has never left the sleepy English village where she grew up. Shy and reclusive, the thirty-year-old would rather spend her time buried in books than venture out into the world. But when her library is threatened with closure, June is forced to emerge from behind the shelves to save the heart of her community and the place that holds the dearest memories of her mother. Joining a band of eccentric yet dedicated locals in a campaign to keep the library, June opens herself up to other people for the first time since her mother died. It just so happens that her old school friend Alex Chen is back in town and willing to lend a helping hand. The kindhearted lawyer's feelings for her are obvious to everyone but June, who won't believe that anyone could ever care for her in that way. To save the place and the books that mean so much to her, June must finally make some changes to her life. For once, she's determined not to go down without a fight. And maybe, in fighting for her cherished library, June can save herself, too.

Is Jesus Christ merely a dead mystical religious figure who lived 2000 years ago or the living risen Messiah sent for the redemption of mankind from the penalty of personal sin? Is Jesus actually able to communicate with you and I today with understandable words in our own language? Is He especially viewable and understandable in the pages, words, and cryptograph of the Holy Bible's Book of Daniel? You the reader are now at the threshold of not only a complete teaching of the entire Book of Daniel, but a threshold of human history unprecedented. Both the great Prophets Daniel and the Apostle John said that in the days just preceding the return of Jesus Christ to set up His Millennial 1000 year Kingdom certain signs would appear on the world stage. Those indicators include: A worldwide international banking system; a cashless society; a worldwide common currency; computer technology that would monitor financial transactions, social interaction, and international communications; and a satellite communication system that would allow people to view events simultaneous from any television around the world. Let not this study of the Book of Daniel be entered into with fear and trepidation, but with wonder, astonishment and enthusiasm. Allow the Spirit of the Living God to cause the eyes of your understanding to be flooded with light, that you might know the truth and be set free. Best of life to you and yours, Dr. Martin W. Oliver PhD, BCPC

Transparency is vital to the building and strengthening of every relationship and every ministry. It allows people to see you as approachable and to feel safer when talking to you. Transparency is a gateway to trust, and trustworthiness is an important quality which people seek in a good, ministerial leader. They want to know: Is this person trustworthy? Is this person honest? How do I know I can talk to this person without fear of condemnation? It is with this in mind that Rohini Townsend approaches writing, friendships, ministry, and life itself. Her desire to see people healed and whole has led to a candor and openness that is sure to tug at the heartstrings of the despondent. Put Some Shoes On, is an emotional and gripping story of one little girl's journey through heartache, rejection, abuse, and turmoil. Chronicling her path from scared child to

broken, rebellious teen to powerful, anointed woman of God, the author shares the most intimate moments of her life with refreshing transparency and soul stirring honesty. It is not only a story of past hurts, it is a story of learning, growing and seeking a deeper relationship with God -- the steps and sacrifices that are required for that level of depth and connection to the Father. Raw, poignant, and insightful, Put Some Shoes On was written to heal. It was written with your salvation in mind. This is a story of overcoming and, while on that walk, discovering who you are, and more importantly, WHOSE you are. Every step you take was conceived in the mind of the Father to guide you towards recognizing the spiritual gifts He has placed in you. Be not weary in well doing. Do not allow your circumstances to define you. Do not be consumed by trials and heartache. Take your experiences and let God use them to mold you into a powerful Kingdom citizen. Put some shoes on and walk boldly in your Godly identity.

Adults love mazes because of the benefits these games have! When you play, you are drawn to the activity so you focus on it until it's done. This gives you the opportunity to forget about physical stress and clear your mind, too. Because of its meditative appeal, mazes have quickly become one of the must-do activities for you! Play today!

Drawn In

A Living Series...

An Anthology

Let patients help : a patient "engagement" handbook - how doctors, nurses, patients and caregivers can partner for better care

Hidden Pictures Activity Book

A Carpenter's Son: The Early Life of Jesus | Children's Jesus Book

'This land and its killing epochs.' Nadeem Aslam's dazzling new novel takes place in modern-day Afghanistan. A Russian woman named Lara arrives at the house of Marcus Caldwell, an Englishman and widower living in an old perfume factory in the shadow of the Tora Bora mountains. It is possible that Marcus's daughter, Zameen, may have known Lara's brother, a Soviet soldier who disappeared in the area many years previously. But like Marcus's wife, Zameen is dead; a victim of the age in which she was born. In the days that follow, further people will arrive at the house: David Town and James Palantine, two Americans who have spent much of their adult lives in the area, for their respective reasons; Dunia, a young Afghan teacher; and Casa, a radicalised young man intent on his own path. The stories and histories that unfold - interweaving and overlapping, and spanning nearly a quarter of a century - tell of the terrible afflictions that have plagued Afghanistan. A work of deepest humanity, *The Wasted Vigil* offers a timely portrait of this region, of love during war and conflict. At once angry, unflinching and memorably beautiful, it marks Nadeem Aslam as a world writer of major importance.

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A wise man once said that "You have to have lived it to write about it." Author Kirk Stephan has lived it, having spent a year wandering about India, followed by several years exploring the pre-Colombian temples of Latin America and studying Mayan Hieroglyphics. In this novella, Kirk recounts his adventures navigating the islands of the Indian Ocean aboard his sloop Zephyr in the year 1965.

You are living in a box. It's a nice comfortable box perhaps, with lots of windows. You can see other people, earning more than you, driving better cars than you, healthier than you, happier than you and it appears that they are just lucky, or have been privileged somehow. There are lots of reasons you think or believe they are doing better than you, but none of those reasons are correct. Only one reason is correct. They live in a different box. All of us live in boxes created by our minds that have been built to protect us and those boxes tell us where the edges of our reality are, the edges of our expectations. Good news; You CREATED the box. That means you can break it and remake it any way you want. You can expand the edges of your reality and attract bigger and better things for you and your family. This book is the key to your personal transformation, helping you become the most magnificent you that you can be. It's about understanding what sets you off balance and what brings you back to deep serenity. About what brings you peace and contentment, frees your mind of negativity and most importantly an understanding of how your thoughts in this moment weave your very future. Its about feeling, in a very real and profound way, your connectedness to everyone and everything, your power and your significance in this world and perhaps even to find your lifes purpose. Its about understanding the how the nature of reality and the power of your mind combined enable you to achieve anything you desire. My promise is this: You will finish reading this book a different person than the one who started reading it.

Three short novels—including Prix Goncourt-winning *The Patience Stone*—that convey years of Afghan history, heartache, and hope. Never before in paperback. Atiq Rahimi's reputation for writing war stories of immense drama and intimacy began with his first novel, *Earth and Ashes*, about fathers and sons and the terrible strain inflicted on families, when an Afghan village is destroyed by the Russian

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army. A Thousand Rooms of Dream and Fear takes place in 1979, during a period of social and political upheaval in Kabul. On the way home from a night of drinking, a university student named Farhad is arrested and brutally beaten. A few hours later, broken and confused, he slowly regains consciousness, only to find himself in the care of a beautiful woman who has dragged him into her home to protect him. Winner of the Prix Goncourt, The Patience Stone is the tale of a woman caring for her brain-damaged husband, who was shot in the neck during a petty conflict. After years of living in a society of Islamic fundamentalism, she finds herself strangely liberated by her husband's condition. She tells him her innermost thoughts and secrets, many of them dark and deeply repressed, never knowing whether he's able to hear her or not.

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Singapore Sling

From a Crooked Rib

The Cooky Cow Mooky! Coloring Book

The Book: Legend of Shivani

Notes & Recipes Top Secret Recipe

Poor Sid was getting too big for his shell, so he sets off on an adventure in search of a new one. During this time he discovers all of the shells are missing and in their place remains only garbage. Stacey Marie Johnston has created a book that is not only heartfelt and humorous but one that shows the effect of pollution on the environment. Follow Sid's journey to find a new home as he runs into a few surprise's, along with exciting and interesting encounters.

Suggests that modern religion is too fast paced and that a slower approach should be used so that parishioners get a more fulfilling experience.

Nurse Hana, thief Caravaggio and soldier Kip are brought together in an abandoned Italian villa at the end of World War II by a nameless and hideously burned English patient.

WHO IS REALLY THE MONSTER? Nineteen year old Callan Sanclair has cared for his mother, and helped her cope with her illness, ever since his father was killed seven years ago. Except she does not have any ordinary illness... but a curse which turns her into a werewolf at the night of the full moon. Since discovering her curse, Callan always feared a visit from the mysterious company called Lycorp, a group of werewolf hunters who are determined to keep the world safe from those suffering with the curse. When his mother is taken by Lycorp, Callan must find a way to infiltrate the company from the inside. But first he must endure a gruelling job interview which will test his breaking point. The Wolf Trials might be the death of him.

Kids Vs. Mazes

Connecting the Book of Daniel's Dots

The Book on Internal STRESS Release

The Indian Ocean Voyage of the Zephyr

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Ketchup Soup

Inspired by his years as a clinical psychologist, first-time author, Dan Dylan, writes about the cycle of abuse in his novel, "Chameleon" (ISBN 1439234140). Adults interested in psychology, sociopathy, and the cyclical nature of child abuse should find this novel realistic and gripping. Retired FBI profiler John Foster, Ph.D., now a respected Chicago psychologist, has diagnosed and treated mental disorders throughout his career, but he finds himself seriously challenged by the diagnostic puzzle presented by suspected sociopath Eddie Vinson. Foster becomes snared in a lethal game of one-up-manship and must draw on his years of professional training and experience to anticipate Vinson's actions as he consults with law enforcement to bring him to justice. Foster's brief therapeutic contacts with Vinson yield a complex clinical picture, but there is sufficient evidence to indicate that Eddie Vinson was a victim of chronic parental neglect and repeated sexual abuse. Thus, "Chameleon" chronicles the evolution of a child victim to adult sociopath whose actions and distorted views of self and society perpetuate the cycle of abuse. "Incidents of abuse grab headlines and occur every minute of every day," Dylan said. "Neglect and abuse have consequences that impact us all. In the absence of treatment, some abused children can-and do-become abusive or violent adults." With more than 35 years of practice in clinical psychology, Dylan has witnessed the cycle of abuse firsthand, often spanning multiple generations, and in extreme cases, adult survivors of abuse pass on to their children the trauma of their own victimization. Using fiction as his medium, Dylan shares with his readers one psychologist's perspective of child abuse and its ramifications.

The fourth book in the Circle of Magic series by Tamora Pierce. This super cute cow will "moo!" every day to approve of your artwork. Coloring is an exercise that comes with so many benefits, including the key life skills of relaxation and patience, focus, and confidence. It leads to the ability to recognize patterns, perspectives, lines and forms, too. Grab a copy of this coloring book today!

When St. Louis homemaker Pearl Curran began writing fiction and poetry at a Ouija board in 1913, she attributed the work to the "discarnate entity" Patience Worth, a seventeenth-century Puritan. Though now virtually forgotten, her writing garnered both critical praise and public popularity at the time. The Patience of Pearl uncovers more of Curran's (and thus Patience Worth's) biography than has been known before; Daniel B. Shea

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provides close readings of the Patience-dictated writings and explores the historical and local context, applying current cognitive and neuro-psychology research. Though Pearl Curran had only a ninth-grade education, Patience Worth was able to dictate a biblical novel and a Victorian novel. Echoes of Dickens and the Potters, a circle of St. Louis women writers, make clear that Patience Worth reflects literary debts that go as far back as Curran being read to as a child. Shea argues that the workings of implicit memory suggest the medium's creative achievements were her own body's property. Curran also had musical training, and recent developments in the field of psychology regarding the overlap between musical and linguistic rhythms of regularity, anticipation, and surprise supply a firm foundation for attributing skills both automatic and creative to Curran. Her reflections on her doubleness in her self-study anticipate the many-personed Ouija board writing of poet James Merrill. Shea approaches Curran/Worth as a summary figure for the Victorian-era woman writer's buried voice at the point of its transition into modernism. He investigates many lingering questions about Curran's fluent productivity at the Ouija board, including the "smart" versus "dumb" unconscious. Shea links unconscious memory, dissociation, and automatic writing and reconsiders problematic assumptions about individual identity and claims of personal agency. The Curran/Worth Puritan/writer figure also allows scrutiny of gendered assumptions about the dangers of female speech and the idealization of women's passive reception of divine, or husbandly, revelation. Novelistic in its own way, Curran's life included three husbands and a child adopted on command from Patience Worth. Pearl Curran enjoyed a brief period of celebrity in Los Angeles before her death in 1937. The Patience of Pearl once again brings her the attention she deserves—for her life, her writing, and her place in women's literary history.

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The Last Chance Library

Bee Positive

The Elderine Stone

The English Patient

Pathway to Personal Transformation

In a story inspired by the Persian folk tale about a patience stone that will bring about the apocalypse after exploding from absorbing too much hardship, a resentful woman sits beside her brain-dead war soldier husband, talking endlessly about her grievances--and a dire secret. Federated Colonial Commander Adam Stuart is once again asked to take command of an experimental ship. This time he is traveling out into deep space to test dangerous new engines. Lorentizan traversable wormholes that hold unimaginable power and the possibility of changing the way humanity colonizes the stars. His crew is made up of the best the fleet has to offer, all five of them. Recently graduated Helen 'Sparks' Dower the pride of the Federated fleet

engineering corp finds herself suddenly the chief engineer of this new ship, and it isn't finished being built... Suddenly in charge of a staff Helen struggles to figure out these engines and her new crew. Covert Intelligence Officer Samantha Leeane is the new executive officer of the ship. Her first actual command position gives her typical skills quite a workout as she works to keep this new crew together. As the ragtag group finally begins testing the new engines a mysterious enemy appears out of nowhere and sends the Hypnos running across the Orion arm and beyond. During their travels they heroically face down kidnapers, ship thieves, pirates, and privateers and discover a secret that could threaten their entire home system. Perseus Transit is a wonderful journey through a new universe that is full of exciting pirates and privateers alike.

Through theoretical discussions, presentations of literary works, cultural artefacts and artistic performances, as well as descriptions of novel therapeutic approaches, Topography of Trauma engages in rethinking and re-examining trauma to address the transformed self and empowering post-traumatic developments.

The Book_Legend of Shivani. Fantasy-fiction novel.

Cultivating Community in the Patient Way of Jesus

Sid the Homeless Hermit Crab

Elements of Life

Slavery in the Early Modern Spanish Caribbean

Tales of Survival from a Chinese Labor Camp

The Wolf Trials (Lycorp Book One)

Faith isn't something your child learns by himself when he's all grown up, it must be taught the earliest time possible. This book will help your child understand Christianity, Jesus' teachings and yes faith through an interesting bible story about the Carpenter's Son. Introduce them to the early life of Jesus by buying them a copy now.

How much do we know ourselves is critically very important and perhaps very essential. Life we do face many curves up and down while in course of life. Marriage, becoming parent, life traumas and recoveries, retiring from jobs, empty nest, loss of relations, death of beloved. So yes various experiences... We get tired sometimes and immediately ask a question "why me?," but do remember the universe is not short of any wakeup calls we are just very quick in reactions. The four elements of life Air, Water, Earth, Fire are the only truth which than render the whole meaning of being as a human. Are we authentic? Are we living in courage? Are we kind and in patience? Are we grateful? How we face life and respond to life is all that matters. Elements of Life explores the options and choices which will help you to live more in tune with what you want from life. Motivational chapters simple questions based on elements of life - air, fire, water and earth providing simple strategies of life help you to live in harmony with yourself, others and the world, enhancing you to be true to your values and to interact with others while being In more patience. To do otherwise is to foster discontentment and unhappiness, but everyone wants to be in peace and lead a happy life in the end of the day. Living in moderation balancing all the elements of being authentic, being in peace, being grateful, being a little more compassionate can improve the very purpose of being in this awesome life.

Book for recipes journal There are so many people on this great big planet

that absolutely love cooking! Are you one of them? Some people are motivated by the taste of the end product and some people love the process and the patience involved in creating a masterpiece! And then there are many people who are passionate about both. If you happen to be a wizard in the kitchen and love to keep all your favorite recipes together in one easy to find place, then our Recipe Planner will be exactly what you need! You will have ample space to record the following: * The recipe name * The various ingredients needed * The Directions * The Prep Time , Cooking Time * Any additional notes that may make the end result extra special Our Favorite Recipe Planner is divided up into color coded divisions or categories to help you to find what you need super easily! Just follow the color and you will find the correct section. With so many wonderful recipes out there, you may want to consider purchasing two of our Recipe Planners! Keep one for yourself and give the other as a gift to a friend or family member that loves cooking just as much as you do! Happy cooking!

In Persian folklore, Syngue Sabour is the name of a magical black stone, a patience stone, which absorbs the plight of those who confide in it. It is believed that the day it explodes, after having received too much hardship and pain, will be the day of the Apocalypse. But here, the Syngue Sabour is not a stone but rather a man lying brain-dead with a bullet lodged in his neck. His wife is with him, sitting by his side. But she resents him for having sacrificed her to the war, for never being able to resist the call to arms, for wanting to be a hero, and in the end, after all was said and done, for being incapacitated in a small skirmish.

Spiritualism and Authorship in the Writings of Pearl Curran

Earth and Ashes, A Thousand Rooms of Dream and Fear, The Patience Stone

Searching for Secrets

Metamorphosis

Woman from Shanghai

Captives of Conquest

A roaring, rollicking, foot-stomping farce. Ketchup Soup is an epic, and at times ribald, comedy about the lovable James Reichardt, a verbose junior copywriter who's just landed his first job at a sleepy advertising agency in New Orleans. Part genius, part naive miscreant, James suffers from illusions of grandeur, not the least of which are the beliefs that business is the key to happiness and that he is Caesar reincarnated. In his first 364 days in the Big Easy he'll join forces with the many colorful characters of the city to bring down the ad agency, swear allegiance to art and lead a revolt against capitalism at the height of Mardi Gras. A tale that is both hilarious and heartfelt, Ketchup Soup is the side-splitting story of one young man's journey through the nonconformists and dank back alleys of New

Orleans.

Captives of Conquest is one of the first books to examine the earliest indigenous slave trade in the Spanish Caribbean. Erin Woodruff Stone shows that the indigenous population of the region did not simply collapse from disease or warfare. Rather, upwards of 250,000 people were removed through slavery, a lucrative business sustained over centuries that formed the foundation of economic, legal, and religious policies in the Spanish colonies. The enslavement of and trade in indigenous peoples was central to the processes of conquest, as the search for new sources of Indian slaves propelled much of the early Spanish exploration into Central and South America. Once captured, some indigenous slaves were shipped to various islands, or as far away as Spain, to be sold for immediate profit. Others became military auxiliaries, guides, miners, pearl divers, servants, or, in the case of women, unwilling sexual partners. In all these roles indigenous slaves helped mold the greater Spanish Caribbean. Even as the number of African slaves grew in the Americas, enslaved Indians did not disappear. On the contrary, African and Indian slaves worked side by side, the methods and practices of both types of slavery influencing one another throughout the centuries. Together the two forms of slavery helped create the greater Spanish Caribbean, a space and economy founded upon the bondage and coerced labor of both indigenous and African peoples.

With the combination of Coach Melvin's Dynamic Application of Internal Awareness(tm) (DAIA) Method, Dr. Totton's 100-day method to condition your body's neural pathways to establish a new habit which then becomes automatic, and with Dr. Painter's method of committed practice of Li Family Yixingong (Standing Meditation) to produce profound results at the neurological level, novices to advanced practitioners gain the ability to access your inner core, tapping into an area that can positively affect your overall well-being, prevent stress from taking hold, and give you perpetual mental-physical rejuvenation.

In the battle between mazes and kids, who will win? Your child might, if he/she has the patience and right strategy to get out of all these mazes. Answering mazes is a fun learning experience that will help improve your child's ability to think of strategies quite fast. Start your

child's training with one book of mazes at a time.

Topography of Trauma: Fissures, Disruptions and Transfigurations

The Patience of Pearl

Sang-e Saboor

Three by Atiq Rahimi

Chameleon

Stories of a City

Who says having all your dreams come true is a good thing? Serenity Winters is taking the summer off. After her last year included crushing on the wrong guy (again), having her best friend move all the way across the country, and an unexpected loss she's still not prepared to deal with, she deserves it. And a visit to see Maia in California seems the perfect getaway. Beaches, bonfires and boys? Yes please! But Rennie's dreams aren't so easy to elude. Sketching what she can remember of them helps some, but her drawings are taking on a life of their own and the dreams they represent are starting to come true. Enter Alex, who may or may not be perfect. (No, who is she kidding? He's perfect. Great hair, plus he can quote Hamlet and Yoda? Come on!) But Alex has secrets of his own, namely a hidden ability to transport himself through time using a book as a portal. Could it be that both Rennie and Alex are being drawn in to the same mystery? They better find out quickly, because her dreams are getting louder. And they know her by name.

Teenage drama, hotly contested elections, Facebook groups, accusations, affairs, and romance. Some people interact, others are strangers, but they all live, work, love, and play in this unnamed city.

What if you could have a conversation with a bee? Would you become friends? Join Jenny as she meets a bee family who turns her black and white world into one of colorful fun. You will love the happy ending! This children's book offers a unique perspective about our co-existence with the honey bees, and how we must take responsibility to protect them from harm.

A young woman prays at her husband's bedside as he lies in a coma with a bullet in his neck. From outside come the sounds of tanks, gunshots, screaming and, most terrifying of all, silence. Inside, her two frightened daughters call to her from the hallway. As she tries to keep her husband alive, the woman rages against men, war, culture, God. Even as her mind appears to unravel, she becomes intensely clear-sighted. Now is her chance - her first ever - to speak without being censored. Her husband's body reminds her of the legend of the patience stone, a stone that hears all confessions until it explodes, and finally, spurred to new heights of daring, she spills out her most explosive secret.

Book One of the Paper Dreams Chronicles

Earth and Ashes

Get Powerful Health and Nutritional Secrets

Put Some Shoes on

Mazes for Kids

A Persian Love Story

Concise reasons, tips & methods for making patient engagement effective. The third book by e-Patient Dave, cancer beater, blogger, internationally known keynote speaker and advocate for patient engagement; co-founder and past co-chair of the Society for

Participatory Medicine. Profile: www.ePatientDave.com/about-dave The book's web page: <http://epatientdave.com/let-patients-help> Buyers of the earlier pre-release editions will be offered 50% off on this final edition. Stay tuned for details.

Written with complete conviction from a woman's point of view, Nuruddin Farah's spare, shocking first novel savagely attacks the traditional values of his people yet is also a haunting celebration of the unbroken human spirit. Ebla, an orphan of eighteen, runs away from her nomadic encampment in rural Somalia when she discovers that her grandfather has promised her in marriage to an older man. But even after her escape to Mogadishu, she finds herself as powerless and dependent on men as she was out in the bush. As she is propelled through servitude, marriage, poverty, and violence, Ebla has to fight to retain her identity in a world where women are "sold like cattle."

A retelling of the traditional Persian tale of how the patient stone helps a mistreated young girl achieve her true destiny.

Earth and Ashes is a story of such spareness and power it leaves the reader reeling. Set during the Russian occupation of Afghanistan, it is a fable about war, family, home and tradition. An old man and his grandson sit in a deserted landscape of dusty roads and looming mountains. What are they waiting for? As we watch them we learn their story... Atiq Rahimi has managed to condense centuries of Afghan history into his short tale of three very different generations. At the same time, he has created a story that is universal in its power.

Perseus Transit

Briar's Book (Circle of Magic #4)

Trapped in a Lion's Den

The Wasted Vigil

The Expansion

Slow Church

"For far too long, Afghan women have been faceless and voiceless. Until now. With The Patience Stone, Atiq Rahimi gives face and voice to one unforgettable woman—and, one could argue, offers her as a proxy for the grievances of millions...it is a rich read, part allegory, part a tale of retribution, part an exploration of honor, love, sex, marriage, war. It is without doubt an important and courageous book." from the introduction by Khaled Hosseini, author of The Kite Runner and A Thousand Splendid Suns In Persian folklore, Syngue Sabour is the name of a magical black stone, a patience stone, which absorbs the plight of those who confide in it. It is believed that the day it explodes, after having received too much hardship and pain, will be the day of the Apocalypse. But here, the Syngue Sabour is not a stone but rather a man lying brain-dead with a bullet lodged in his neck. His wife is with him, sitting by his side. But she resents him for having sacrificed her to the war, for never being able to resist the call to arms, for

wanting to be a hero, and in the end, after all was said and done, for being incapacitated in a small skirmish. Yet she cares, and she speaks to him. She even talks to him more and more, opening up her deepest desires, pains, and secrets. While in the streets rival factions clash and soldiers are looting and killing around her, she speaks of her life, never knowing if her husband really hears. And it is an extraordinary confession, without restraint, about sex and love and her anger against a man who never understood her, who mistreated her, who never showed her any respect or kindness. Her admission releases the weight of oppression of marital, social, and religious norms, and she leads her story up to the great secret that is unthinkable in a country such as Afghanistan. Winner of the Prix Goncourt, *The Patience Stone* captures with great courage and spare, poetic, prose the reality of everyday life for an intelligent woman under the oppressive weight of the Taliban regime in Afghanistan. From the Hardcover edition.

"Between 1957 and 1960, nearly three thousand Chinese citizens were labeled "Rightists" by the Communist Part and banished to Jianianguo in China's northwestern desert region of Gansu to undergo "reeducation" through hard labor. These exiles men and women were subjected to horrific conditions, and by 1961 the camp was closed because of the stench of death: of the roughly three thousand inmates, only about five hundred survived." "In 1997, Xianhui Yang traveled to Gansu and spent the next five years interviewing more than one hundred survivors of the camp. In *Woman from Shanghai* he presents thirteen of their stories, which have been crafted into fiction in order to evade Chinese censorship but which lose none of their fierce power. These are tales of ordinary people facing extraordinary tribulations, time and again securing their humanity against those who were intent on taking it away."--Jkt. of 2009 ed.