



A Shattered Youth: Surviving the Khmer Rouge

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Maverick House. Paperback. Book Condition: new. BRAND NEW, A Shattered Youth: Surviving the Khmer Rouge, Sathavy Kim, Mary Byrne, Sathavy Kim recounts the treacherous days in 1975 following the invasion of Phnom Pen by the Khmer Rouge. She and her extended family fled together, working the black market until they had not a single possession to trade for food. They were rounded up with the other non-peasants, identifiable by their lighter skin and soft hands as upper-class, and forced to live with a family of workers until further word. The villagers took them in reluctantly, and there was much resentment. They had to work the rice fields where they suffered the cuts and backache of harvesting rice. Soon after that the internments began and the camp system was ready to receive its first victims. Deported at age 21, Savathy Kim spent four years of her life as prisoner of a KorngchalatA", a forced labour camp. In 1998 she finally went back to the place where the camp stood, and the memories returned. She remembered her life as Borgn Tha, the name she was forced to use under Pol Pot, and began to write.

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