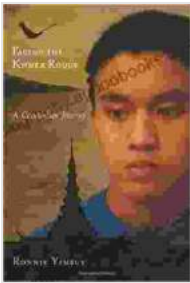


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One of the survivors of the Khmer Rouge genocide was Loung Ung. She was five years old when the Khmer Rouge took over Cambodia, and she spent the next four years living in a labor camp, where she was forced to work long hours in the fields and was subjected to regular beatings and torture.

Loung Ung's story is a harrowing account of the Khmer Rouge genocide, but it is also a story of survival, resilience, and hope. Despite the horrors she experienced, Loung Ung never gave up hope. She escaped from the labor camp in 1979 and eventually made her way to the United States, where she has become a successful author and speaker.

Loung Ung's story is an important reminder of the horrors of the Khmer Rouge genocide, but it is also a story of hope. It shows that even in the darkest of times, it is possible to find the strength to survive and to rebuild one's life.

## **Loung Ung's Childhood**

Loung Ung was born in Phnom Penh, Cambodia, in 1970. Her father was a doctor and her mother was a nurse. Loung Ung had a happy childhood, and she loved spending time with her family and friends.

In 1975, the Khmer Rouge came to power in Cambodia. The Khmer Rouge's goal was to create a classless, agrarian society, and they set about achieving this goal through a series of brutal policies that resulted in the deaths of an estimated 1.7 million people.

The Khmer Rouge's policies targeted anyone who was considered to be an enemy of the revolution, including intellectuals, professionals, and anyone who had worked for the previous government. The Khmer Rouge also targeted ethnic minorities, such as the Vietnamese and the Chinese.

Loung Ung's family was targeted by the Khmer Rouge because her father was a doctor. The Khmer Rouge believed that doctors were part of the capitalist class, and they were therefore enemies of the revolution.

## **The Labor Camp**

In 1975, Loung Ung and her family were forced to leave their home and move to a labor camp. The labor camp was located in a remote area of Cambodia, and it was surrounded by barbed wire. The prisoners were

forced to work long hours in the fields, and they were subjected to regular beatings and torture.

Loung Ung was only five years old when she was sent to the labor camp. She was too young to understand what was happening, but she could see that her parents were terrified. Loung Ung's parents were determined to protect her from the Khmer Rouge, and they did everything they could to keep her safe.

Despite the horrors she experienced, Loung Ung never lost hope. She knew that her parents loved her, and she believed that they would find a way to escape from the labor camp.

## **Escape**

In 1979, the Vietnamese invaded Cambodia and overthrew the Khmer Rouge regime. Loung Ung and her family were finally able to escape from the labor camp. They made their way to Thailand, where they lived in a refugee camp for several years.

In 1980, Loung Ung and her family were sponsored by a family in the United States. They moved to California, where Loung Ung began a new life.

## **Epilogue**

Loung Ung has become a successful author and speaker. She has written several books about her experiences under the Khmer Rouge, including the bestselling memoir *First They Killed My Father*.

Loung Ung is a tireless advocate for the victims of the Khmer Rouge genocide. She has spoken out about the genocide at the United Nations and has worked with organizations to help survivors rebuild their lives.

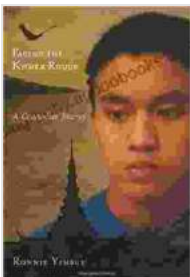
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