

Giao Duc

Presentation of the book “Loan – From the Life of a Phoenix”

On March 7, Jung Verlag presented the book “Loan – From the Life of a Phoenix” by the French author Isabelle Müller (translator Truong Hong Quang), which tells of her mother’s dangerous odyssey.

The mother of Isabelle Müller – the author – is called Dau Thi Cuc. She was born in Ha Tinh in 1929. As a child, she lived in harsh living conditions due to the ideology of male chauvinism and grew up with the violence of her father and brother. These men often punished her by tying her hands to a wooden pillar or her long hair to a wooden bed leg and then whipping her. Her brothers were never treated like that. At 6, she started working, but with a thirst for knowledge, she always tried to learn vocabulary from her friends. At 12, her father wanted to force her to marry a man. After her father died in an accident, her brother, as the patriarch, cruelly managed the family and still wanted to force his sister to marry the man she had already chosen.

Because Cuc does not want to accept her fate, she flees to Nam Dinh, Ha Noi, Bac Ninh, Hai Phong,... She crosses minefields, is almost sold to a brothel, and almost her entire body is put in a cast after falling from the fourth floor while working as a domestic help. The physical and emotional pain motivates her to work. Cuc then changes her name to Loan, the "phoenix" - the bird that symbolizes rebirth from the ashes.

The meeting with the French soldier changes Loan's fate. Despite many differences and historical events, she leaves Vietnam for France in 1955 to live with him.

The author founded the LOAN Foundation, which supports the education of children from ethnic minorities in North Vietnam.

On March 23, she will be holding an autograph session for the book “Loan – From the Life of a Phoenix” at the book fair in HCM City in Le Van Tam Park.