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Writer Isabelle Müller donates book royalties to help disadvantaged children in Vietnam

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Writer Isabelle Müller

All royalties received from the novel “Only a Heartbeat Away” will be used by author Isabelle to help disadvantaged children in Vietnam.

Tran Thi Truong, Le Thi Kim won the 2023 Impressive Female Writer Award

Isabelle Müller was born in 1964 in Tours (France) in a French-Vietnamese family. Together with her mother, Mrs. Dau Thi Cuc (Mrs. Loan), Isabelle made many trips to Southeast Asia in the 1990s to learn about her Vietnamese roots and many stories were told. This was one of the great inspirations for Isabelle to establish the LOAN Foundation to help poor children in Vietnam, and it was also a way for her to bring her mother back to her homeland after her mother passed away in France in 2003.

In July 2015, Isabelle published her first book, telling about her life full of her mother's upheaval with the title LOAN - from the life of a phoenix. This work quickly became one of the best-sellers on Amazon Germany and entered the top 5 of the "Kindle Storyteller Awards 2015".

In 2009, Isabelle published her second book Daughter of the Phoenix - Hope is my path, telling the story of her mother's next 35-year journey in France after leaving Vietnam and about her

own life. One of the topics mentioned in this work is sexual abuse. Because it is the story of Isabelle's own miserable, dead-end life when she was abused and molested by her biological father during her teenage years (9 years).

Both of these works have been published in Vietnam and have been well received by Vietnamese readers. Of which, LOAN - from the life of a phoenix has been reprinted for the 4th time.



Tiểu thuyết "Chỉ cách người một nhịp đập con tim"

In early March 2024, Isabelle will introduce to Vietnamese readers her first novel Just a Heartbeat Away (Ho Chi Minh City General Publishing House). The story begins with Anna, a young woman with a passion for spiritual topics, committing suicide out of bitter disappointment. She was saved at the last second by her best friend but was in a coma for weeks in a state of poisoning.

Meanwhile, Marc, a young, successful plastic surgeon who always wants to explain everything in life in a scientific and practical way, was walking his dog in the evening and was hit by a car. He passed out in the hospital with serious injuries.

In a coma, both of their consciousnesses were still alive and well. Anna wanted nothing more than to die, while Marc just wanted to return to his old life. At the threshold between life and death, the souls of Anna and Marc accidentally spent this time together...

It is known that Isabelle will donate all the proceeds from the book copyright to help poor children in Vietnam have a better life.

In May 2016, Isabelle established the LOAN Foundation - a non-profit charity fund, specializing in implementing educational projects for ethnic minority children in poor mountainous areas of Northern Vietnam. With its contributions to poor children in Vietnam over the years, the LOAN Foundation (LOAN Stiftung) was honored at the Human Act Prize 2023 organized by Nhan Dan Newspaper.