

Book Loan - From the life of a phoenix bird:

Propaganda document on gender equality

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Author Isabelle Müller signed the reader.

(Ghuytphcm.vn) - On March 7, NXB Young organized the launch of the Loan book - *From the life of a phoenix bird* by author Isabelle Müller. As NXB Young Director Nguyen Minh Nhat, the book written by an international woman about her mother as a Vietnamese woman is a gift of meaning on International Women's Day 8/3.

A normal life that special

What makes Loan - From the life of a phoenix bird (Loan - Aus dem Leben eines Phönix) – a book about an ordinary Vietnamese woman in the multitude of Vietnamese women – entered “top 5” final of the 2015 German Kindle Storyteller Literature Award, is the work “best-seller” in the categories “History of Asia”, “Young Literature and Biographies” on the Amazon Germany channel?

It's not simply Western curiosity about a mysterious Eastern “that actually Loan ” the main character of the book, the mother of author Isabelle Müller – is really inspirational character when an ordinary

woman has done extraordinary things because of her desire to live and be happy.

Former Vice President of Truong Duc Hoa – who made the bridge to take Loan - From the life of a phoenix bird to Vietnam – receives the book's greatest value is to bring a female example Persistent force, not yielding to the situation but rising. “Towards International Women's Day 8/3, recently, the TPHCM Women's Union has organized a program “Step through the door” to honor and share about the women who have bravely change your fate. Here, Ms. Loan has overcome many, many doors of preconceptions, of secularism, of the age restriction to live for herself”, the former Vice President of Trong Duc Hoa United States. shall.

Writer Truong Huong, a female author specializing in the fate of women, said the book was as moving as it was in place of many Vietnamese women's bodies and was a “gender equality propaganda document. ” or when cheering a woman to stand up and open the doors for herself.

Indeed, the book tells the story of Mrs. Loan's life, whose real name is Bean Thi Cuc, born in 1929 in a village in Ha Tinh. Zooming out, Mrs. Cuc suffered a lot of bitterness due to “male weight female contempt”. Not allowed to go to school, she sought to learn basic reading and writing from the boys in the village. At the age of 12, she was forced into an arranged marriage. Not accepting the fate, Mrs. Cuc fled, went to Nanning, Hanoi, Bac Ninh, Hai Phong ..., went through many events (attempted times, nearly sold into brothels, accidents). poor, lost war ...), then finally found a warm life with her husband and 5 children in France.

In addition, through Loan's life, readers have more or less seen a period of Vietnamese history from the perspective of a commoner. As shared by Ambassador Nguyen Thi Hoang Anh, Former Vietnam Plenipotentiary Ambassador to the Federal Republic of Germany – where author Isabelle Müller is living and working –, the story of Ms. Loan describes a long period of the country's history after when French colonists completed colonial exploitation policy. Loan's life may

be like the tens of thousands, millions of Vietnamese women's relatives living under the yoke “tantrum of virtue ” of feudal feasts weighing thousands of years and especially in half feudal period half colonial.

If Ngo's Rooster was committed and only responded when it came to the end, then at a very young age Loan reacted and found a solution to confront difficulties, with imposition instead of accepting them. Therefore, the path she traveled also “was not normal ” when stretching from Hai Phong, to the high mountains of the North, Central and the South and then to France and the remote French colony like Algeria. (Africa) ...

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Sharing the book, author Isabelle Müller – an interpreter, who started writing books in 2003 – said she had heard her mother tell a story about her life since she was 6 years old and cooked her intention. at some point write about her mother's life. It was not 45 years later that Isabelle Müller fulfilled her promise. From an early age, I heard Loan's mother tell about Vietnam, listened to Vietnamese music, ate Vietnamese food, just had no contact with Vietnamese people outside her mother so when she followed her mother to Vietnam to find the source of her roots in In 1990, Isabelle Müller felt even more clearly that Vietnamese blood was flowing in her body: “The roots of Vietnam in me give me the sense that I have a homeland. And despite the appearance of a European, 99% of my soul is the soul of Vietnam ”.

The author shared: “I write Loan - From the life of a phoenix bird by my mother's story, which started 88 years ago, is still hot topical and jaws contain many lessons about life. This book also has a symbolic meaning. My mother is from Northern Vietnam, whose ancestors belong to ethnic minorities. Since then, I consider preserving the culture and identity of the few peoples, contributing to enriching the Vietnamese culture, as my duty. By rewriting my mother's story and publishing the book in Vietnam, I was able to bring my mother back to her homeland, back to her home ”.

From the affection for the mother's homeland, it is also to fulfill the heart of the mother who wants to favor her homeland, helping to improve the plight of poor children, especially children of ethnic minorities, in May 2016, Isabelle Müller established the Loan Foundation (Loan Stiftung) to support ethnic minority children in the northern mountainous provinces. To date, the Loan Foundation has completed 7 projects in poor mountainous areas of 2 Ha Giang and Cao Bang provinces, including kindergarten construction, school reinforcement, warm clothing, learning tools, and support. scholarship assistance for students at risk of dropping out of school ...

Currently, the Loan Foundation is implementing the next 5 projects in Ha Giang: building schools, kitchens, teacher rooms, library equipment ... In 2017, the Loan Foundation also plans to cooperate with the Foundation. Vien A Dao scholarship is chaired by the former Vice President of Truong Duc Hoa as President to expand operations to other localities.

All Loan book issuance revenue - From the life of a phoenix bird will also be contributed to the Loan Foundation to continue projects to support the disadvantaged ethnic children of Vietnam.

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