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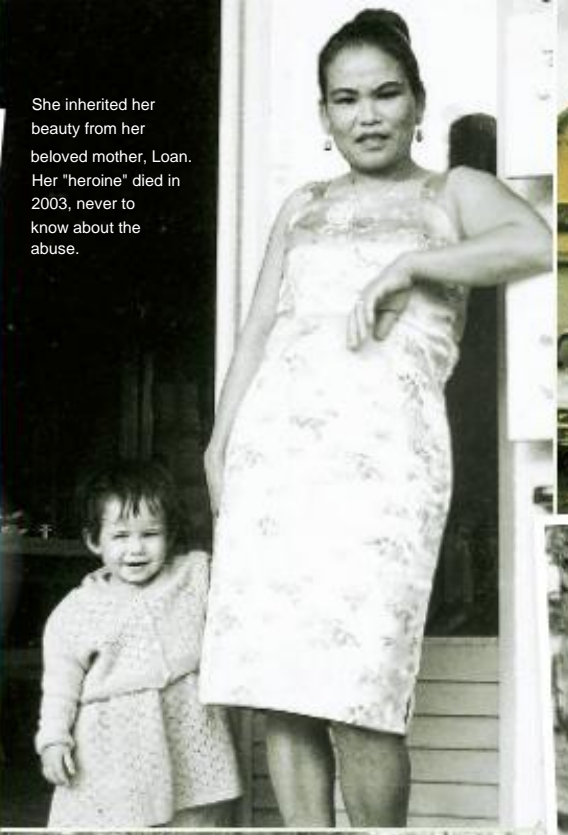
Sad childhood: As the daughter of a Vietnam woman, she suffered hostility



Strong woman: Isabelle Müller has left hell behind, but she looks back without anger.

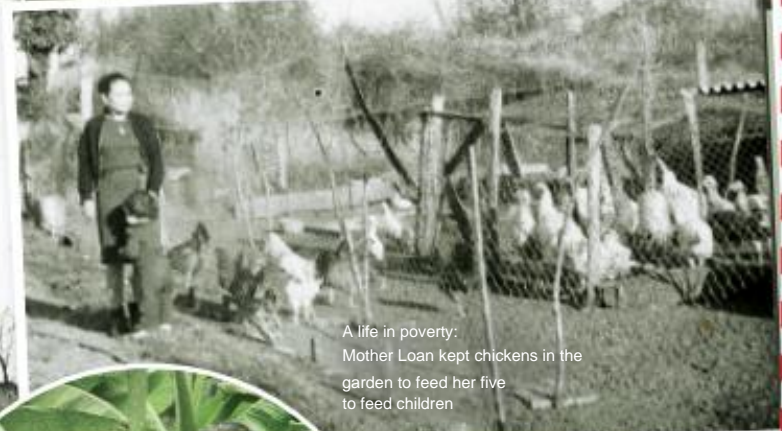
She has now recorded her life story in the book "Phoenix Daughter"

She inherited her beauty from her beloved mother, Loan. Her "heroine" died in 2003, never to know about the abuse.



She smiles so bravely: At eight years ago for the first time from the father abused

At this railway crossing near Tours (France), Isabelle wanted to 17 years of life



A life in poverty: Mother Loan kept chickens in the garden to feed her five to feed children



Isabelle in preschool: The family home was a run-down property



Your big Model: From Mama Loan taught her to be brave and always look forward



Isabelle lived in this poor building in Bunkent (Kazakhstan) in 1987. Here Stephan Müller revealed to her that he could no longer live without her

The life stages of Isabelle Müller

Born in France in 1964 as Isabelle Gaucher. Despite her ordeal, she graduated from high school as one of the country's best students and received a scholarship.

Moving : From 1985, she worked as an interpreter in Germany. Here, Isabelle fell in love with Stephan Müller. He was an acquaintance of her sister's husband.

Professional success: From 1990 onwards she became self-employed as an art dealer. At the same time, her husband built a successful software company.

Mother's death in 2003: To avoid Loan becoming suspicious, Isabelle always invited her father to family celebrations. Isabelle: "If Loan had found out about the abuse, she would have killed him and destroyed her life."

Book : To honor her mother, she wrote not only "Phoenix Daughter" but also "Loan – From the Life of a Phoenix." It is scheduled to be published soon.



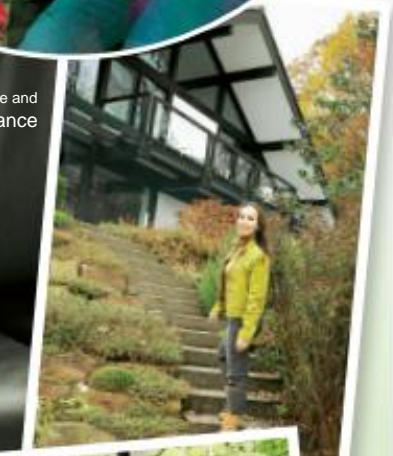
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Great love: Isabelle and Stephan Müller have been married since 1992 and have two daughters



She spent two years writing her biography: The book "Phoenix Daughter" she dedicated to her deceased mother

With diligence and Endurance have Isabelle and her Man a beautiful a home



Proud of their Vietnamese Roots: Even today she often cooks Food from the her mother's homeland



As a young couple in love: The German engineer Stephan Müller stood by Isabelle from the beginning and gave her strength

Here you can Meet the author

Isabelle Müller is currently on Reading tour and will gladly answer Your questions (further information and For dates see internet tip):

January 18, 7:30 p.m. in the "Book World Senden", Hauptstraße 17, 89250 Senden
February 4, 7:30 p.m. in the Ludwigshafen City Library, Bismarkstraße 44-48, 67059 Ludwigshafen
March 11, 8 p.m. in the bookstore "Sill-mann", Theodor-Ludwig-Straße 26, 79312 Emmendingen
March 17, 7 p.m. at "Glasperlespiel", Kelterstraße 5, 71679 Aersp

Internet tip
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At 13, she could no longer cope: the emotional wounds in her broken heart were too deep. Isabelle threw herself in front of a car – but her suicide failed; fate had other plans for her. Even when she lay down on the train tracks at 17, higher powers seemed to be at work.

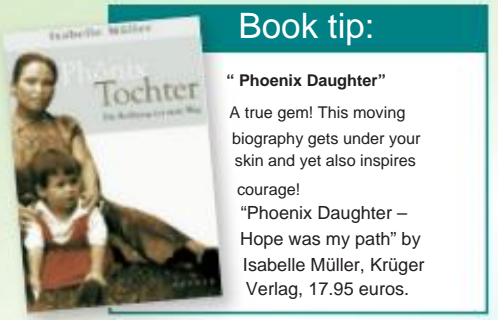
"Everyone Stone that they put in front of me Feet threw, made me stronger"

The girl began to secretly injure herself, while outwardly smiling happily. No one should know about her martyrdom. She couldn't tolerate hatred, which is why she forgave. Even when her father kicked her out of the house after graduating from high school, the then 18-year-old remained brave and undeterred: She applied for a scholarship and, thanks to her excellent grades, was able to begin studying languages. Her ambition was finally joined by luck. She deserved it so much: In the mid-80s, she met the man of her dreams, a German engineer who pierced the armor of her wounded heart—with genuine love, understanding, and endless patience. The couple soon fulfilled their dream of having their own family. Isabelle had two daughters and built a business with her husband. But luck is fickle.

Unbelievable: Express trains passed the level crossing every minute. Isabelle faced certain death. But even after half an hour, no train appeared.

She waited and waited. An hour. Six hours. Nothing happened. What she only learned later: That day, the railway had begun a strike. "It was a message: I should live," the mother of two is sure today. From that day on, Isabelle fought back – she was determined never to let her father touch her again; she even learned karate for that.

And it sounds strange at first, but then understandable when she adds: "I am proud that I never told my mother about it and was able to spare her this pain until her death in 2003. I even forgave my father long ago." Isabelle wants to convey the feeling of



Book tip:
"Phoenix Daughter" A true gem! This moving biography gets under your skin and yet also inspires courage! "Phoenix Daughter – Hope was my path" by Isabelle Müller, Krüger Verlag, 17.95 euros.

With infinite courage he fought Isabelle Müller (45) from hell

Cruel facts: One in three women is abused
According to a study by the Council of Europe, domestic violence is the main cause of death or harm to health in women aged 16 to 44 years – worldwide!
Shocking : According to the ent- According to the United Nations Development Fund for Women (UNIFEM), one in three women is raped at some point in her life.
Immediate assistance is available from women's shelters (www.frauenhauskooordination.de).
"Terre des Femmes" (www.frauenrechte.de) also provides confidential advice .

Sometimes it seems almost impossible, the Not to lose hope . Many people cry when tears and despair creep into the soul like dark shadows, and blows of fate turn life upside down. But fortunately, there are people who give us courage and show us that we can achieve anything . One such extraordinary woman is Isabelle Müller, whose biography "Phoenix Daughter" is currently moving all of Germany. The daughter of a Vietnamese mother and a French father, she experienced a childhood in hell. She was tortured

"The Misfortune cannot defeat you if you believe in yourself."

and starved. Her father beat her and brutally abused her for years . How does one endure so much suffering without breaking down? Can one ever feel joy again with such a heavy burden in one's heart?

When "Welt der Frau" meets Isabelle Müller for an interview, her friendly, radiant face immediately catches your eye. It's almost as if she brightens up the room.

A soft smile plays around her lips – she is somewhat reminiscent of a fairy, her movements so delicate and graceful, her voice sounding carefree and gentle. Only the chestnut-brown

Almond-shaped eyes, which fix the listener thoughtfully , give an idea of how cruelly she must have suffered. The 45-year-old tells us about her life without shame and with determination . One that began in 1964 in Tours, France – with nothing but hope in her heart, the only thing Isabelle possessed. "From every stone they throw at us, we will build our way," is her life motto. "And what I have achieved, anyone can achieve.

Because misfortune cannot defeat you if you believe in yourself," is the reason why she takes the reader on a journey into her most intimate childhood memories.

Isabelle lived with her four siblings and her parents in a stone cottage, more like a barrack than a house. Her mother, Loan, worked

She worked day and night in her small Vietnamese restaurant because her father, a former soldier, was unemployed and mercilessly stingy. Her father preferred to spend the money her mother earned on himself and his affairs . The children slept on the floor, and clothes and toys often came from the garbage dump. Isabelle's only refuge from her father's beatings was school; knowledge was her world.

But her peers treated her like a leper. Her delicate childlike soul had to endure scorn and ridicule: "You're just the daughter of a yellow Chinese woman with slant eyes," she was insulted.

But the pride and strength of their

Mother Loan, who faced the hostility of those around her with her head held high, encouraged the little girl: "She gave me the strength to follow my path of hope . "With love, you build a temple from nothing" is also a Vietnamese proverb. That's why the book is dedicated to my mother," explains Isabelle . Loan means phoenix in German , and the dark-haired beauty speaks of her with reverence.

There was only one truth about the father of her five children that the mother would never learn: that he abused his youngest daughter. "I was eight years old and wanted to know how to kiss," Isabelle describes – her words sound almost sober as she speaks

who puts the cruelty into words. As if she were talking about another woman . "And my father showed me how to kiss." The harmless child's question was answered by the father with terrible humiliation . He defiled her small, defenseless body – again and again. But the completely distraught girl remained silent. The child was too intimidated and frightened by her father's perfidious threats: "If your mother finds out what you did, she would never forgive you," he blackmailed his own flesh and blood. Her mother's love – it was the one thing Isabelle never wanted to lose.

From then on, hardly a week went by in which he didn't brutally abuse the child . At her mercy, defenseless, and full of self-loathing,

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Proud, beautiful and successful: Today she runs her own company with her husband