

# From the ashes back to life

**BOOKS RHE RBST** : Isabelle Müller read from her book "Phoenix Daughter" in the Waldkirch City Library

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**ALDKIRCH.** The Waldkirch City Library is attracting attention with several events this fall.

**Isabelle Müller opened the event.**

It is not only her story that Isabelle Müller tells and reads, it is in

Reason for the events surrounding her mother, about their old homeland Vietnam, about the changes in a person – their fathers – through the war and the Foreign Legion. "Phoenix Daughter" is the name of the Book, "a symbol of rising from nothing," says Isabelle Müller.

Müller's mother was born in Annam in northern Vietnam and Cuc (Chrysanthemum). After death She gave herself to her first daughter the name "Loan", the Vietnamese place for Phoenix. Isabelle Müller tells the story of a woman of almost demonic will, determination and perseverance. "From every stone, that they throw at our feet, "We build our way" was their maxim."

Isabelle Müller herself was born in 1964 in Tours, where her mother and her husband moved after his release from



**At the opening of the autumn book fair in the city library, Isabelle Müller read from her book "Phoenix Daughter".**

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She had joined the army. She did not experience joyful childhood: On the one hand,

the family, since her mother was Asian, treated as "inferior foreigners", on the other hand, she was

Father brutally abused. It was a long Years of humiliation until she realized that a future was only available

"if you take it into your own hands takes." "A divine kick," says Isabelle Müller, "finally made me awaken from my lethargy and take the long overdue Just days later, I mean my home forever."

From then on, it is her story that she She went to her sister in Germany. She graduated from high school, studied, and went to Kazakhstan with her boyfriend. She flew to the "Land of their roots" to Vietnam.

Life was not always good to Isabelle Müller, but "hope was my way," she said. She married her Friend, two girls were lucky the family and Loan, who in the Elztal lives. She was always able to "To spread optimism around oneself," even in difficult times. "Loan would fight," she told herself.

**Info:** "Phoenix Daughter," Krüger-Fischer-Verlag 2009. Price: 15.80 euros.