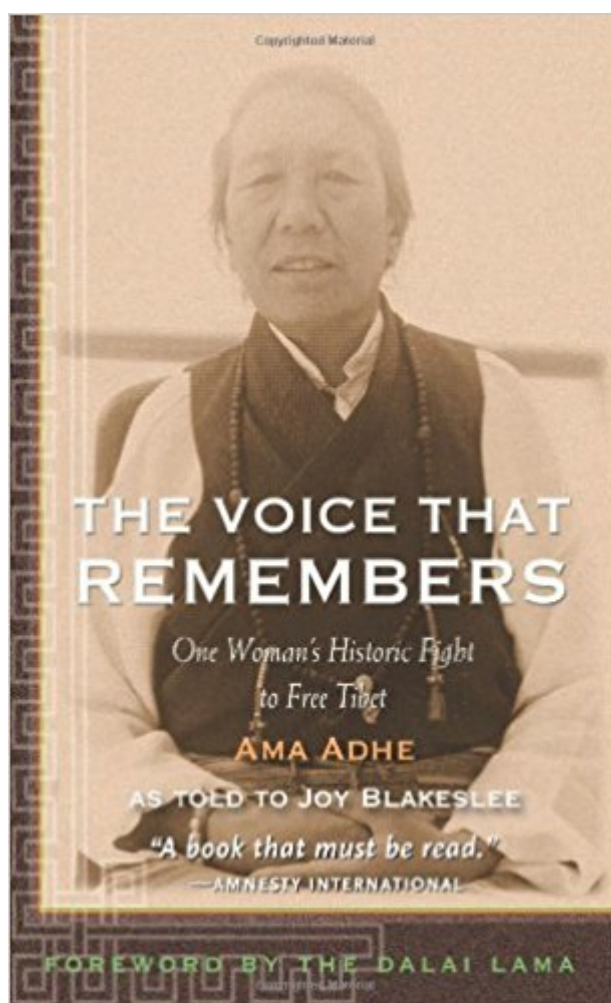


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# The Voice That Remembers: A Tibetan Woman's Inspiring Story Of Survival



## Synopsis

When Adhe Tapontsang--or Ama (Mother) Adhe, as she is affectionately known--left Tibet in 1987, she was allowed to do so on the condition that she remain silent about her twenty-seven years in Chinese prisons. Yet she made a promise to herself and to the many that did not survive: she would not let the truth about China's occupation go unheard or unchallenged. *The Voice That Remembers* is an engrossing firsthand account of Ama Adhe's mission and a record of a crucial time in modern Tibetan history. It will forever change how you think about Tibet, about China, and about our shared capacity for survival.

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"With so much of Tibetan history recently lost, this book's achievement is to capture the details of Tibet's agony in a remote corner of our land. I was also born in that remote corner, and Ama Adhe brings to life the spirit there that China tried to wipe out." (Lodi Gyari, President, International Campaign for Tibet)"A riveting account of the desecration of a culture, a religion, a family and a landscape." (Mickey Spiegel, Human Rights Watch)"A moving testimony which serves to further international awareness and understanding. This book must be read." (Amnesty International)"Ama Adhe's moving account of the Chinese invasion of Tibet and her 27-year imprisonment is both deeply disturbing and inspiring. In striking contrast to her horrific experiences as a prisoner, the tone of her narrative is calm and matter-of-fact. As the title suggests, this book is not only about Adhe but also about remembering those who did not survive... Her story is also the story of Tibet as a country and the desperate struggle to save its culture and religion from destruction." (Manoa: Song of the

Snow Lion)"Highly recommended reading... the 'stories of imprisonment,' apart from their important function of exposing the cruelties the Chinese inflicted (and are still inflicting) on the Tibetan populace, can also provide us with a source of tremendous inspiration: the strength of the human spirit demonstrated by Ama Adhe in her account is truly admirable and can act as a model of determination and courage for others." (Tibet Journal)"The story of a woman who sustained her human dignity, integrity, and compassion in the face of immense degradation and suffering... both compelling and inspiring." (Feminist Bookstore News)"I have never read a book as terrifying and inspiring in my life. A Tibetan woman's account of twenty-seven years of torture in labor camps for resisting China's occupation of her homeland. Ama Adhe describes--with unutterable calm--acts of unthinkable evil, and the unwavering spirit of the woman who withstood them." (Psychology Today)"A captivating story and testimony to the powers of the human will." (Virginia Quarterly Review)"A searing tale." (Booklist)"Adhe's early autobiographical accounts of being raised in the Tibetan culture are most rare and precious, but history forces her account to turn to documentation of the first wave of Communist troops in 1950. Though not graphic in its detail, the sheer weight of her list of atrocities is deeply moving. Ama Adhe has provided a sound foundation for the building of truth." (Parabola Magazine)

Ama Adhe Tapontsang is a native of the Kham region of eastern Tibet, where she spent a happy childhood, and is an activist dedicated to securing the much-needed freedom of her country. Imprisoned for twenty-seven years for her resistance activities following the invasion of her country by the Chinese Communists in the 1950s, she faced inhuman torture and deprivation. Following her release, she left in 1987 for India, where she now lives in Dharamsala. *The Voice That Remembers* is the story of her life. Joy Blakeslee, M.A. Ed, J.D., is a writer and teacher who specializes in human rights, history, and literacy. Blakeslee has worked in civil rights law, as a teacher for the New York Department of Education, and as an independent researcher. She has visited India many times, and is profoundly impressed by the strength, determination, and spirituality of the Tibetan people. She is currently co-writing a book with Dr. Gloria Frelix about post-Civil Rights era Mississippi, and corporate, environmental racism. Blakeslee lives in Florida.

I was transfixed by the courage & tenacity of a woman who portrays herself as a simple peasant but, in reality, is a strong, religious & self-willed heroine. The cruelty & single-mindedness of the Chinese against the Tibetans is a reminder that Hitler was only one in a line of unbelievably hateful people who should be crushed out by the rest of the world. That Hitler, Hussein & the like can carry

out genocide in plain sight is shameful. How can this be allowed?

A truly amazing and inspiring story of this woman's fight to survive. Get out the tissues for this one. Very moving and still relevant today.

Have been reading it daily, however, find it difficult to imagine the suffering and torture that she was able to endure. Remarkable to be mindful of the atrocities of war...the Jewish people during World War II, Native Americans during the 1700-1800's and African Americans ongoing in this country, now Russia, Poland, Middle East it becomes overwhelming at times. Why do we continue to kill each other? What do we gain from all this? Ane is inspiration.

I met Ama Adhe in 2007 at the Tibetan Refugee Center in the city of Dharamsala, India. She smiled and kindly asked the group that I was traveling with to speak louder because she lost hearing in one of her ears. If you read her story you will understand the cause of her hearing loss. Despite all that she has experienced Ama Adhe has retained a spirit of compassion and love. Her story is one that all should read because her message helps one to gain perspective and perseverance through adversity.Â Tibet - Cry of the Snow Lion

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