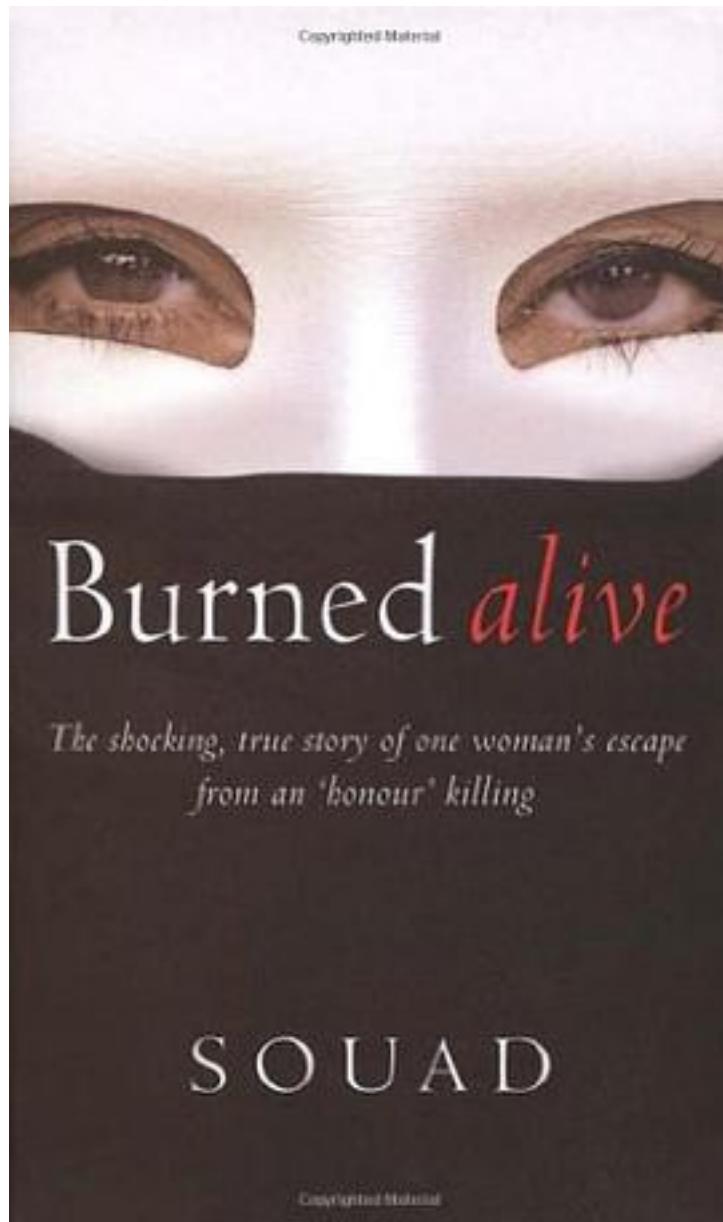


# Burned Alive



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When Souad was seventeen she fell in love. In her village, as in so many others, sex before marriage was considered a grave dishonour to one's family and was punishable by death. This was her crime. Her brother-in-law was given the task of arranging her punishment. One morning while Souad was washing the family's clothes, he crept up on her, poured petrol over her and set her alight. In the eyes of their community he was a hero. An execution for a 'crime of honour' was a respectable duty unlikely to bring about condemnation from others. It certainly would not have provoked calls for his prosecution. More than five thousand cases of such honour killings are reported around the world each year and many more take place that we hear nothing about. Miraculously, Souad survived rescued by the women of her village, who put out the flames and took her to a local hospital. Horrifically burned, and abandoned by her family and community, it was only the intervention of a European aid worker that enabled Souad to receive the care and sanctuary she so desperately needed and to start her life again. She has now decided to tell her story and uncover the barbarity of honour killings, a practice which continues to this day. *Burned Alive* is a shocking testimony, a true story of almost unbelievable cruelty. It speaks of amazing courage and fortitude and of one woman's determination to survive. It is also a call to break the taboo of silence that surrounds this most brutal of practices and which ignores the plight of so many other women who are also victims of traditional violence.

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评论

没接触这本书之前，我丝毫不知道世界上有一种犯罪叫“荣誉犯罪”。大多数发生在一些落后闭塞的中东穆斯林乡村，因某些在我们看来再正常不过的但对于他们简直不可饶恕的行为而惨遭杀害，也因为挽回家族名誉而被别人视为英雄。我很难想象一个杀人犯会被冠以英雄的标签的世界，很难想象大概是因为就算看了这本纪实类的书，我也不敢相信世界上竟存在这种事情。幸好，因为人道主义组织的存在，有些妇女被救助前往海外藏匿起来，却依旧为被噩梦缠绕。看得越多，听得越多，人类落后愚昧思想的伤疤就越被发现得更多。但是伤疤终究还是会结痂吧。

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