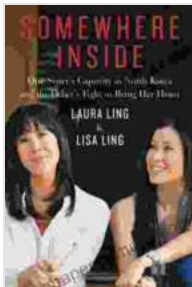


# One Sister's Captivity in North Korea and the Other's Fight to Bring Her Home

In the tumultuous aftermath of the Korean War, two sisters were separated by the iron curtain that divided the peninsula. One, Sun Ok Lee, was taken to North Korea with her parents, while the other, Sook Ok Lee, remained in the South. For decades, they had no contact with each other, and each believed the other to be dead.

But in 2000, a glimmer of hope emerged. Sook Ok Lee received a letter from her long-lost sister, Sun Ok. It was a brief and heartbreaking message, but it was enough to reignite the flame of hope that had burned within her for so many years.



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Sook Ok Lee immediately began to search for a way to bring her sister home. She contacted the Red Cross, the United Nations, and countless

other organizations, but her efforts were met with dead ends and disappointment.

Undeterred, Sook Ok Lee refused to give up. She traveled to North Korea multiple times, hoping to meet with her sister and convince her to return home. But the North Korean government refused to grant her permission, and she was forced to return empty-handed.

In 2006, Sook Ok Lee's luck finally changed. She was contacted by a group of American activists who had been working to help North Korean defectors. The activists had heard about Sook Ok Lee's story, and they offered to help her bring her sister home.

With the help of the activists, Sook Ok Lee was able to smuggle a letter to her sister. In the letter, she told Sun Ok about her life in the South, and she begged her to come home.

To Sook Ok Lee's astonishment, her sister agreed to return. In 2007, Sun Ok Lee defected from North Korea and was reunited with her sister in the South. The reunion was a joyous occasion, but it was also bittersweet. Sun Ok had been through a great deal during her time in North Korea, and she was still struggling to adjust to life in the South.

Despite the challenges, the two sisters were determined to make the most of their newfound freedom. They spent their days together, talking and laughing and sharing their stories. They also worked together to raise awareness of the plight of North Korean defectors.

In 2011, Sook Ok Lee and Sun Ok Lee published a book about their experiences. The book, titled "One Sister's Captivity in North Korea and the

Other's Fight to Bring Her Home," is a powerful and moving account of love, loss, and the indomitable spirit of family.

The book has been praised by critics and readers alike. It has been translated into multiple languages, and it has been adapted into a television movie. Sook Ok Lee and Sun Ok Lee have also been featured in numerous documentaries and news articles.

The story of Sook Ok Lee and Sun Ok Lee is a testament to the power of hope and the unbreakable bond of family. It is a story that will inspire readers of all ages.

### **Additional Information**

In addition to the book, there are a number of other resources available about the story of Sook Ok Lee and Sun Ok Lee. These resources include:

- Washington Post article
- New York Times book review
- NPR interview with Sook Ok Lee and Sun Ok Lee
- PBS Frontline documentary

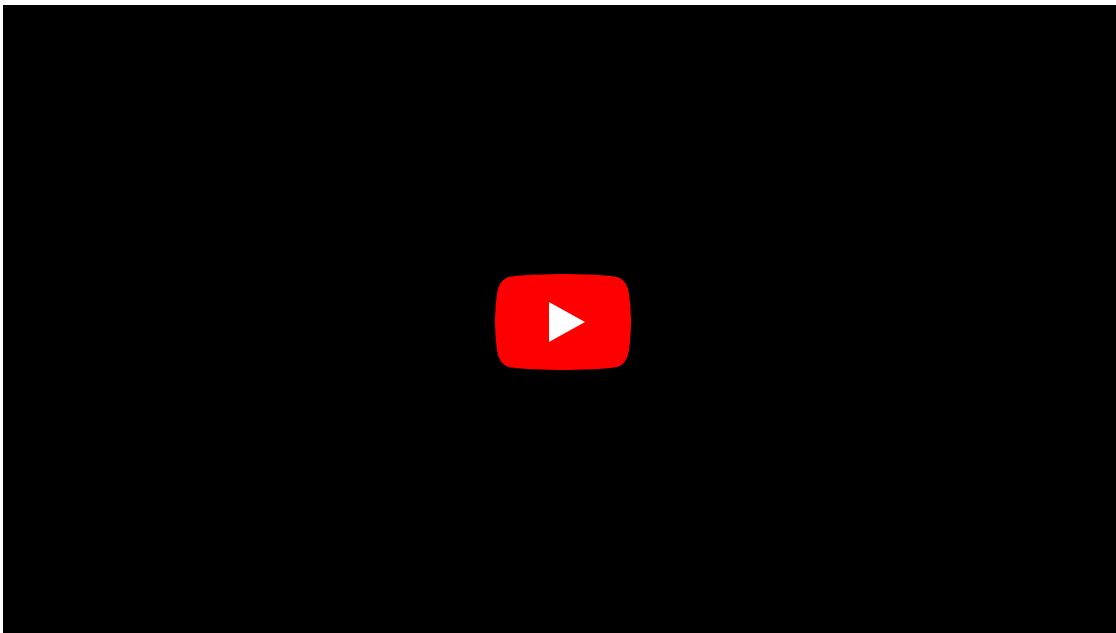
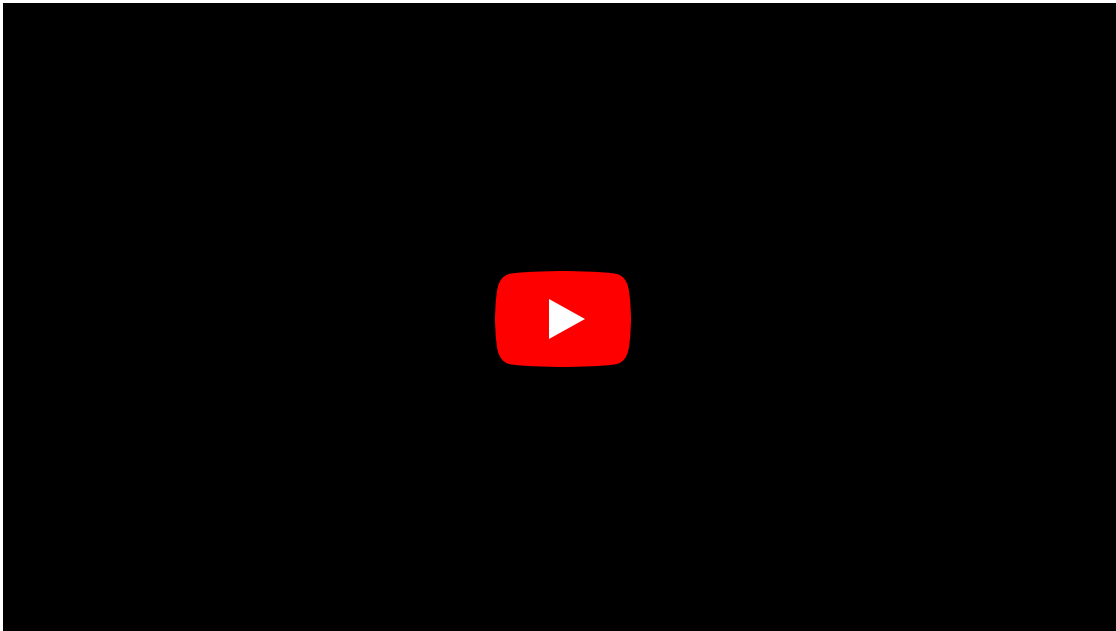
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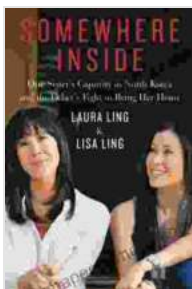


Sook Ok Lee and Sun Ok Lee speaking at a press conference in 2011

## **Video Gallery**



Sook Ok Lee and Sun Ok Lee reunite on the TODAY show



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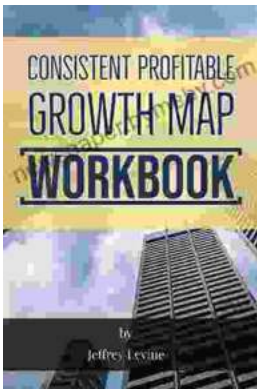
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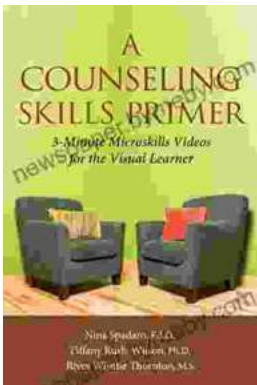
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