



Feminist Daughters with Military Fathers: The Forgotten Legacy of Rural Berber Men

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This book is a tribute to the memory of Fatima Sadiqi's father Mouhamd ou Lahcen, a rural, illiterate, self-made Berber man who served in the French army before joining the Moroccan army after independence in 1956. In addition to her family's recollections, Sadiqi interviewed twenty-five Moroccan women of her generation whose fathers were in the military and who are now feminist leaders in various fields. In so doing she seeks to both honor the memory of her father and his generation of military rural Berber men, and draw attention to the forgotten role of these men in opening the door of education to the second generation of Moroccan feminists. Marginalized in both the colonial and Moroccan narratives, as well as in the Moroccan feminist discourses, the legacy of these men deserves recognition in the social history of modern Morocco.

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