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Sisters of the Revolution – Women activists in the struggle against dictatorship and oppression

*Schwestern der Revolution.
Aktivistinnen im Kampf gegen Diktatur
und Unterdrückung*

review

Sisters of the Revolution gives voice to contemporary female activists in Georgia, Tunisia, Algeria, Egypt, the Philippines and the Maldives. The authors, Bernecker and Glass, are journalists and political scientists who have travelled far and wide to record the absorbing and often heart-rending testimonies of this selection of inspiring women.

The women's stories are clearly presented, including useful introductory sections providing information about the historical contexts for the different struggles and accompanied by powerful photographic portraits. The nature of their activist roles varies enormously in scope and danger, ranging from go-between and messenger to untrained nurse, lawyer, decoy or provider of food and shelter. As well as seeking to motivate other women living under oppressive regimes to take action themselves, the book is aimed more generally at readers interested in current affairs and feminism, for whom it also serves as a rallying call to action on behalf of others. This is a powerful and memorable book which resonates widely in our increasingly globalised world.

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