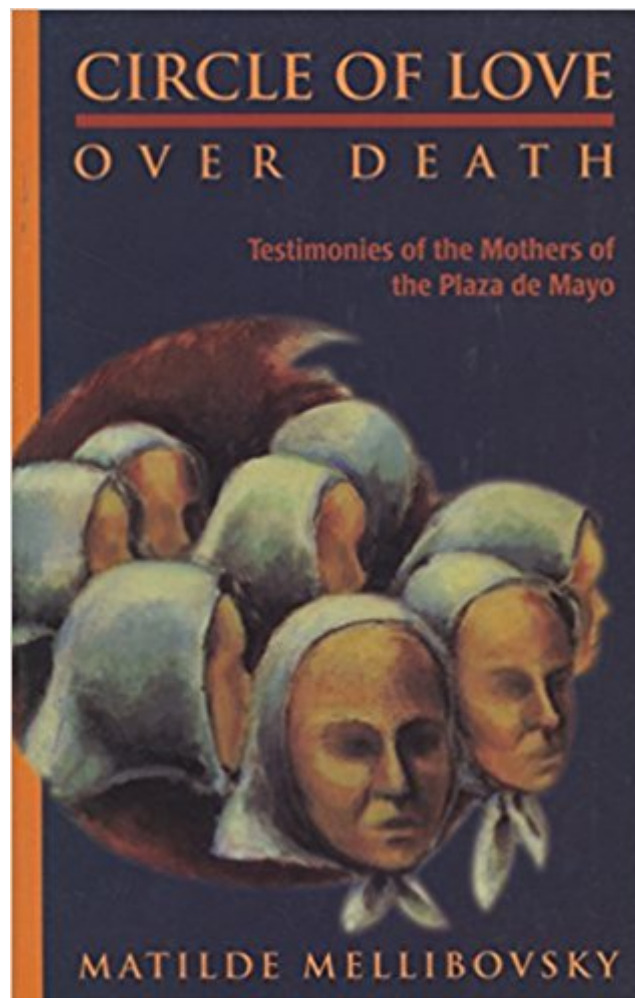




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Circle Of Love Over Death: The Story Of The Mothers Of The Plaza De Mayo



Synopsis

Matilde Mellibovsky not only describes the personal anguish of the families over the torture, deaths or "disappearance" of their children, but also shows how the women gave emotional support to each other and the way in which, since 1976, they slowly but surely organized and built an international movement.

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"Heart-wrenching and deeply analytical, *Circle of Love Over Death* is mandatory reading for those who seek to understand the dynamics of state terrorism and people's resistance in the Americas." —Alicia Partnoy

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Bought for brother that is in college and it arrived in good condition. Thank you.

"They took the best of a generation...They didn't even let us know why they took them away either." This is just one example of the testimonies of the mothers whose children "disappeared" In a time of dictatorship, children were disappearing left and right with no explanation. All of the mothers banded together and marched in a circle on Thursdays in the Plaza, hence the name Circle of Love. The main focus of the mothers was trying to get information. Any information at all would be taken with great depth and give them hope to carry on. This book really speaks about the love that these

women had for their children and the love they still carry on. Even when they only got silence when questioning authorities they still marched on. They even marched on after they knew that all the disappeared were dead. These women and mothers not only had to struggle dealing with their children's disappearance, but they were also forced to live in fear. Parents had to fear their children's activities, whether they be students going to a school meetings, teachers, or working towards a career, everything was a motive for repression. Because of the disappearances so many loved ones were forced to change their way of life. They changed their habits and social and family customs. Everyone was forced into live in fear. This is a very emotional book. But I think that it is something that everyone should read and be aware of. The testimonies of these women are the truth, and there is no hiding the truth.

Circle of Love Over Death paints a realistic, and inspiring, picture of how "ordinary" women faced with terrible loss(es)-- the loss of their children -- are fighting for justice. There is background text for each chapter, followed by testimonies of mothers whose sons and daughters "disappeared." The "children" (most of whom were in their late teens to mid-twenties) were from varied backgrounds and ethnic groups, but they shared a deep desire to better the lives of the poor, and acted upon that desire. This was their crime. The mothers' testimonies often relate gruesome, shocking details. Their stories are filled with not only indescribable pain and loss, but with the adamant refusal to be a victim. After more than twenty years, and at risk of personal safety, these courageous women continue their struggle. Their goal is twofold: for justice for the disappeared, and to call the world's attention to this flagrant violation of human rights. Their Thursday afternoon marches around the Plaza de Mayo have attracted worldwide attention and support. Warning: This book may inspire you to become more involved with social justice and global concern for humanity.

This book takes you through the lives of the mothers of the disappeared in Argentina. You hear the mothers speak of the heartbreak that they face everyday. The book shares the testimonies of many of the Mothers of the Plaza de Mayo. You have no choice but to become deeply involved in the lives of the people in this book. You are told about how mothers have been forced to watch as their children are pulled out of their home, and then the mothers never see them again. You have to put yourself in this position. Could you, would you allow someone to do this to you and get away with it? These mothers won't and they are not afraid to show it. They make their presence very much known, and they are not going to give up until they get the answers that they deserve. This book tells you of the everyday lives of these women. They are willing to give everything they have to find

out what has become of their lost family members.

In Circle of love over death, mothers whos children were taken away during the turbulent 70s in Argentina, gave their testimonies of the abduction and what came after. Before I read this book I had no knowledge of this sort of thing ever happening in Argentina. The haunting tales of the mothers showed the pain of losing a child, or children for as little reason as they were helping the poor. This book also showed how these women were able to bond together after the loss of their children to fight for the knowledge of what happened to the children. This book covers the events in Argentina since the 1970s, and describes the pain and horror of the mothers as the search for information about the whereabouts of their children, even twenty years after their abduction. I think this book was very informative and made us aware of situation that was not well publicized in the united states at all.

"I look at you who look at me, who perhaps would like to know, and I, from my tremendous clarity I, from my insomnia, am going to ask you, if you have any children..."I had heard of the Mothers of the Plaza de Mayo before reading this book, but having read it I now feel as if I know the Mothers. Their testimonies were beautiful dedications to thier children who dissappeared, and thier voices important to understanding the horrendous experiance they have had, and continue to endure. Perhaps the most problematic aspect with this text was the feeling of redundancy of the testimonies. As I was reading, I desperatly hoped that the testimonies would explore different instances and feelings. I think it was important for these mothers to have the opportunity to voice their feelings and their heartache, however.If you have never heard about the "disappearances" in Argentina, or you simply want to find out more, this is a very useful text.

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