



CARRYING LINDA'S STONES

AN ANTHOLOGY OF ESTONIAN WOMEN'S LIFE STORIES

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About the editors

The book is certain to play a positive role in the building of civil society in Estonia and in promoting understanding of the nature of Estonian life outside Estonia. I have been studying Baltic societies for more than 30 years, and never in that period have I been more enthusiastic in recommending a book.

Paul A. Goble

American political analyst; former Special Advisor on Soviet Nationality Problems and Baltic Affairs, US Department of State

This anthology brings to life in a very personal way how history stormed into people's lives and subsequently shaped them. Consequently, these fifteen stories offer personal and intimate vignettes that history books often fail to reveal in their treatment of the "big picture".

H.E. Aldona Wos

US Ambassador to Estonia

The voices of the strong-minded and determined women we hear in this anthology cannot fail to inspire us. Their struggles personal, public and political and the courage and strength with which they faced them are a model of triumph over adversity and a lesson for us all.

Glenys Kinnock

Member of European Parliament, UK

This volume is a welcome addition to the recently enhanced mosaic of primary sources in the Russian and East European area as well as a useful contribution to the field of gender studies.

Toivo Raun

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Estonia was frozen in by Soviet occupation with its Pseudo-equality, which led to the notorious "double burden" and turned women's rights into a dirty word for many people. The proposed anthology is a significant part of steps needed to make a dent into such attitudes. It would be a useful textbook in raising women's consciousness.

Rein Taagepera

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Carrying Linda's Stones presents an authentic and emotionally compelling record of women's struggles to survive WWII, occupations, deportation, exile and the transition to restored independence. I can highly recommend it.

Melissa Wells

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