

THE FLOWERS OF WAR

The powerful Chinese novel about love and war on which Zhang Yimou (Raise the Red Lantern; Crouching Tiger, Hidden Dragon) has based his latest film starring Christian Bale to be released in 2012. This moving short novel is based on true events that took place during the Nanjing...



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Reader's Opinions

On completion: No, this was not a total waste of time. This novel is based on real events. It is about what actually happened in December 1937 in an American church which housed Chinese soldiers, prostitutes and 16 naive schoolgirls while the Japanese invaded and massacred all and everyone in Nanjing. The events are gripping. I wanted...

This is a book that rates higher than a three but not quite a four star in my book, though some of my opinion may be based in the fact that the style of it is not one I read much and the translation makes some of the writing appear a little awkward at times. It reminds me of the style of the Chinese novelist, Hai Jin and so I take this...