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The inside story of China's organ transplant business and its macabre connection with internment camps and killing fields for arrested dissidents, especially the adherents of Falun Gong.

Mass murder is alive and well. That is the stark conclusion of this comprehensive investigation into the Chinese state's secret program to get rid of political dissidents while profiting from the sale of their organs--in many cases to Western recipients. Based on interviews with top-ranking police officials and Chinese doctors who have killed prisoners on the operating table, veteran China analyst Ethan Gutmann has produced a riveting insider's account--culminating in a death toll that will shock the world.

Why would the Chinese leadership encourage such a dangerous perversion of their medical system? To solve the puzzle, Gutmann journeyed deep into the dissident archipelago of Falun Gong, Tibetans, Uighurs and House Christians, uncovering an ageless drama of resistance, eliciting confessions of deep betrayal and moments of ecstatic redemption.

In an age of compassion fatigue, Gutmann relies on one simple truth: those who have made it back from the gates of hell have stories to tell. And no matter what baggage the reader may bring along, their preconceptions of China will not survive the trip.

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Anthony says

Interesting and well researched book. I could have done without the incredibly detailed history of the Falun Gong but I do understand it's relevance to the authors end goal. Gutmann's writing style suites me and was easy to follow.

RuoLing says

This book was written by a white man who frequently apologizes for speaking NO Chinese while interviewing with Chinese-speaking media. He has absolutely no evidence for his claims against the Taipei mayor's involvement in organ harvesting, claiming that he doesn't have any recordings of his conversations because "that's what off the record means". When you watch him in interviews with the Chinese and Taiwanese media, it is clear he knows there is no basis for many of the claims he makes. Americans who don't speak Chinese take every word he says as if it was uttered by god. Another monolingual basic white man getting famous cuz he's a white man who spent a bit of time in Beijing. As a white woman who speaks fluent Mandarin Chinese and Taiwanese, I saw this book as nothing more than an infuriating look into how a fraudulent white man abuses bilingual contacts in China to make a name for himself. This is all too common in China and Taiwan. I can't believe he was nominated for a Nobel Prize, and I look forward to watching him get sued for slander.

Vanda says

Po krátkém brutálním úvodu do čínských praktik obchodování s orgány (mimo jiné se dozvíte, že čínská vláda upřesňuje odebrání vitálních orgánů dosud žijícím „dárcům“, protože se pak lépe uchycují v těle příjemce) následuje podrobné vyložení hnutí Falun Kung, které v zásadě tvoří gró knihy. Dozvíte se mnohé o vzniku a vývoji Falun Kung, ale snahy posoudit, co je toto hnutí vlastně za?, se autor vzdává. Líbil se mi jeho nesmírně upřímný styl, kdy přiznává vlastní pochyby, pochybení a nedůvěru, zejména, jakým se s potřebou vyrovnanosti vyrovnává, mi vyhovoval už méně a místy jsem s ním zápasila. Ethan Gutmann (jak přirohodné jméno!), místo aby na rovinu řekl: „Tehdy a tehdy se stalo to a to, dospěl k tomu, že XY a AB i CD“, naštěstí raději vychrlí směs dílek skládačky typu: „Onoho dne byl XY v místě A a netušil, co se chystá. AB se tou dobou nacházel nedaleko místa A a mohl sledovat, jak jednotka čínské armády obsazuje bod B. CD, velitel jednotky, nemohl na vybranou.“ Já ho chápu, sám to dále v textu mnohokrát potvrzuje: psát o souasných událostech či nedávných čínských dějinách je jako snažit se prohlédnout hustou mlhou. Dezinformace hrozí se stran čínských úřadů i čínských uprchlíků, Jsou tu tajní agenti. Je tu mezinárodní nedůvěra. Je tu autorova nedůvěra. Je asi bezpečnější nechat šťastně, ať si to poskládá nějak sám. Alespoť tak na mě kniha působila ve své prostřední části, prostě řada svědectví za svědectvím bez dostatečné jednotícího rámce. Nicméně autor svou opatrnost nakonec odhodil a sděluje nám řadu tvrdých dat i vlastních hodnocení.

Ne, ne?etlo se mi to snadno. Pokaždé, když si o „lidov?-demokratické“ ?ín? p?e?tu n?co nového, zažívám, patrn? díky své naivit? a optimismu, op?tovn? šok – COŽE? Tohle se v ?ín? skute?n? d?je? A všichni o tom v?dí a stejn? se to po?ád d?je dál?

Budete mít asi problém tomu uv?řit. Nebo si to v?bec p?edstavit. Odhadem 65 000 zdravých mladých lidí, jejichž jediné provin?ní spo?ívalo v následování Falun Kung, bylo ještě zaživa roz?íznuto, byly jim odebrány orgány a následn? tím ?i oním zp?sobem zem?eli. ?adu t?chto orgán? si koupili zájemci z celého sv?ta, z Ameriky, Evropy, Austrálie, z CIVILIZOVANÉHO sv?ta. ?ínská za?ízení jsou schopna dodat vhodný orgán v ?ádu dní, což zna?í, že jejich rezervoár „dárc?“ je bezb?ehý.

Knize s touto tématikou je podle m? t?eba ud?lit p?t hv?zd, i kdyby ji nadrásal Hotentot v Pidgin English na hlin?nou desti?ku. Gutmann píše n?kdy mén? straviteln?, ale celkov? z toho nakonec vychází víc než dobre, dokáže se vysv?tlit a v pot?ebných chvílích dodat š?ávu. Za zmínku rovn?ž stojí kapitola v?novaná výstavám plastinovaných t?l.

A v?bec. P?e?t?te si to sami.

C.J. Ruby says

The Slaughter reads like dystopian fiction. Truly horrifying and infuriating. The banal evil of the totalitarian state of China is a horror that is difficult to contemplate. What's infuriating is that nothing will (or can?) be done about it. This book will not get the large audience or notice it deserves. America is much more infuriated, at this time (Dec 2014), that North Korea may have hacked Sony because of a half-rate comedy. Meanwhile for decades wealthy and powerful Chinese (and possibly wealthy foreigners) are being supplied organs harvested from live "donors" by China's imprisoned political dissidents.

Katie Marsh says

A nightmarish work of nonfiction about the persecution of those who practice Falun Gong, and the vast discrepancy between the number of organ transplants done in China vs the numbers of actual donors they have to work with. I felt ill through this entire book.

Matt Baggett says

The abject tyranny of the CCP as described in this book will make you want to oppose them with every fiber of your being and not want to buy anything Chinese made.

PengSheng Chen says

I do believe in humanity and am against illegal organ harvest. It could very likely be factual that the Chinese government is illegally taking organs from its people. However, the fact that Mr. Gutmann is willing to lie on tiny details in order to straighten his story and sell his books is unsettling. It does bother me as I realize that

he has absolutely no regard to verifiable facts and only aims to acquire fame (and maybe money comes along) when he accused Dr. Wen-je Ko of being actively involved in illegal organ harvest without any physical or circumstantial evidence. Things like illegal organ harvest should definitely be exposed and condemned, but I really hope it's not by Mr. Gutmann as his lack of integrity would undermine the credibility of a fact.

Tahniah Smith says

Ethan Gutmann tells it like it is. Disturbing and informative with plenty of evidence.

This author will be in Melbourne next week as a keynote speaker for the award winning documentary "Hard to Believe". August 18th - 7.30pm and August and Saturday 20th.

<https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/melbo...>

Hope to see some of you there!

sanjana simha says

Mindblown!

I'm astonished because I only came across the matter of mass organ harvesting in China over a week before I started reading the book. His book is concise and lays down the facts like they are and is an eye-opener! As a doctor it's scary for me to imagine that an entire fraternity would turn to butchering and murder for financial gains. The impact it's had on me I cannot put into words. Is China just another Nazi Germany?

Athan Tolis says

My father is one of the pioneers of open heart surgery. For a twenty five year period, during which he set up three different hospitals' practices, he was the preeminent cardiac surgeon in Greece. For example, my father did the first coronary bypass operation in Greece in 1971, a short 4 years after Rene Favaloro's trailblazing work at the Cleveland Clinic.

Transplants had to wait, for two reasons. First, for lack of donors. Second because the human body rejects hearts that come from other people. To solve the first problem science went a number of ways, including the artificial heart and grafts from animals. My father was reluctant to consider either, not out of principle (he was full of admiration for both Jarvik and Bailey, indeed he taught Len Bailey) but because Greece does not have the infrastructure to support either. As soon as Ciclosporin (the first good-enough immunosuppressant) was approved by the FDA, he sought help from world-class transplant specialists in Salt Lake City, Utah and set up the necessary infrastructure to perform heart transplants in Greece.

It was a long wait. In June of 1990, the heart of Koralia Argeith, a registered organ donor, stopped beating after she'd been involved in a car crash. Her husband confirmed that he was comfortable with her decision to be a donor and within hours her heart was giving the gift of life to another human being. That was a full 23 years after Christiaan Barnard's similar operation in Johannesburg. This graft was rejected, sadly, but my

father's second transplant patient was much luckier. The two of them had their picture taken together on the 20th anniversary of the operation!

"So daddy, how come this took so much longer?"

"The drugs have only now become good enough, son. Up until now you were only doing your reputation a favor by doing these transplants, not the recipient. The operation is no different, who cares if you're stitching back in the same heart's pipework or another's? But the drugs weren't there to give the heart a chance to bed in."

"Funny thing is," he added, "it's the Chinese who're leading the way on those drugs."

I did not quite believe my father. How on earth could the Chinese be leading the world on any front? This was 1990, to me China meant crappy Rolex imitations, shoddy plastic toys, turtle-blood (and not only) drinking Olympians and cheap scrapyards, to say nothing of The Great Leap Forward, the Red Guards, the jet-plane position (I'd taken a class about the Cultural Revolution in college -it was triple credits that had attracted me, nothing more noble than that) and of course Tiananmen Square. So I thought to myself "daddy just likes to make the point that not everything was invented in the rich countries."

Some twenty years later, dunno, in 2009, I was leaving work one afternoon and an RBS colleague approached me outside the office, near Liverpool St tube. He made it clear that this had nothing to do with work, but he wanted me to read a pamphlet he was handing out. The pamphlet said that the Chinese government was harvesting Falun Gong members for their organs. I read it with interest, went to the Internet, did a quick search and found absolutely nothing. Perhaps it was too quick an Internet search. I'm not an idiot, I did realise that the Chinese government would probably go out of its way to push the relevant results way to the bottom of any search I was bound to do and that my colleague at the bank would not be wasting his valuable time standing in the tube station for no reason, but perhaps I did not want to believe it. So I pushed it to the back of my mind and that was that.

This Christmas either the FT or the Economist, can't remember, listed the favorite books of the year for sundry personalities, and "the Slaughter" featured. I immediately remembered my colleague. If a book had come out about organ harvesting in China, I'd clearly been wrong to push it all to the back of my mind. So I ordered the book and prepared for the worst.

Or rather, I thought I had.

If you're into accounts of torture, this is the book for you. Pages 31 through to 285 of this 315 page book are dedicated to Falun Gong, and chiefly to its suppression and persecution. Pages 100 through to 250 are strictly about how individual members of Falun Gong were persecuted, tortured and beaten to death, after first having valiantly having done what they could to escape and then having held their faith. It's all entirely believable, well documented, highly unlikely to be fake, quite possibly verifiable, but just relentless. If you want to find about different ways people have been made to suffer, if you've read about the Roman persecution of the Christians and it whetted your appetite, then buy this book and you will not be disappointed. It's based on a good fifty interviews from people around the world.

The bit that is dedicated to organ harvesting is much more limited. It's the first 50 and the last 65 pages of the book (many of which overlap with Falun Gong).

If you read the acknowledgments you see what happened.

Quite clearly, the author originally set out to map the history of Falun Gong and its persecution in particular. The meat of the book is the story of Falun Gong. But halfway through his project the author ran out of cash and his next funders for the project made it a proviso for their funding that he should change focus to organ harvesting. Given that Falun Gong is a religion / sect / faith that not only mandates daily exercises but also forbids drugs and alcohol, its adherents make for some extremely high quality potential organ donors and that's where the Venn diagrams meet: a book that is about organ harvesting in China is very much also a book about the organ harvesting of Falun Gong practitioners. They not only represent a high percentage of the Laogai (jail) system population, but also the cream of the pool of organs, so to speak.

So what we have here is one of those books that present themselves rarely: a lot how "the Great Deformation" by David Stockman is a poorly-written, poorly argued, discursive bad read but is regardless the best book of 2013 because it is to this day the only place where you can go read (if you know where to look and skip a lot of the dross) exactly what Corporate Equity Withdrawal is and how it is the most accurate description of what is wrong with our current brand of capitalism, a lot like if you wanted to read what "pushing on a string" means you once had to read John Maynard Keynes' truly awful, dense and self-important "General Theory of Employment, Interest and Money," I'm afraid that if you want to read about the persecution of Falun Gong, the persecution of the Uighurs or one single interview about organ harvesting in China, Ethan Gutmann's book is the only show in town. And you get 50 interviews.

Now, 50 interviews is nothing, I hear you say. Not so, I'd argue. In a world where David Cameron, the prime minister of the United Kingdom had to go on all fours to China to beg for forgiveness for having previously muttered something about human rights, in a world where (contrary to the very well-articulated warnings of important thinkers such as Daron Acemoglu) we pretend that we will transform the Chinese dictatorship by doing business with China, a guy who publishes the results of 50 interviews that prove beyond reasonable doubt that China is

(i) viciously persecuting a cult with 50+ million members

(ii) engaging in systematic organ harvesting for profit

is clearly somebody with enough courage to merit everybody's respect. There's tons of money to be made writing books which explain how China will lead the world, how it has the model that points to the future etc. A guy who has that opportunity but chooses instead to live a life of relative poverty and research human rights abuses deserves our recognition and respect.

Here's a wonderful piece of circumstantial evidence in support of the author's thesis: Israel does not allow its citizens to travel to China for transplants.

And now I know how come the Chinese lead the world in immunosuppressants: practice makes perfect, they say. How disgusting!

Jackie says

In my 2 cents opinion, the information was true, but the structure of the book can be compromised and coined. This is more fiction than an observatory reading matter. And recently, the author inveighed the city major of Taipei without ZERO proof in order to promote his book, making the credibility of the book is questionable. If people like fiction and novel, the book is good to read. Otherwise, I incline to read some information without fabricating.

Indah Threez Lestari says

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<http://threezstacks.blogspot.com/2015...>

Rebecca McNutt says

This book was disturbing and creepy beyond belief; it's almost as if that sci-fi novel *Never Let Me Go* is becoming a reality. Ethan Gutmann (fitting author name for the writing in *this* book) manages to convey the true horror of these cases in vivid writing.

Shannon Alexander says

I feel that this is a book that everyone should read or at least be aware of what is happening in China today. Knowledge is power.

James says

Funny man, I quoted the doctor and I think he is a liar. Do you even have common sense?
