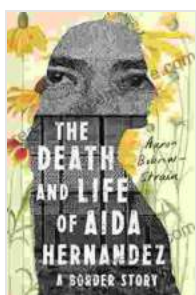


# The Death and Life of Aida Hernandez: A Journey of Resilience and Redemption

Aida Hernandez was born in El Salvador in 1962. Her childhood was marked by poverty and violence. Her father was killed by government forces when she was just seven years old. Her mother was also killed, along with her two sisters, in a bombing raid. Aida was the only survivor.



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Aida was left alone and orphaned at a young age. She was forced to fend for herself on the streets of San Salvador. She begged for food and slept in doorways. She was often harassed and abused by the police and soldiers.

In 1980, Aida joined the Farabundo Martí National Liberation Front (FMLN), a rebel group fighting against the government. She became a guerrilla fighter and fought in the civil war that ravaged El Salvador for over a decade.

In 1983, Aida was captured by government forces. She was tortured and imprisoned for four years. During her time in prison, she was repeatedly raped and beaten. She was also forced to watch the execution of her fellow prisoners.

In 1987, Aida was released from prison as part of a peace agreement. She returned to El Salvador and began working for peace and reconciliation. She founded the Association of Victims of Political Violence, an organization that provides support to survivors of the civil war.

In 1993, Aida was awarded the Robert F. Kennedy Human Rights Award for her work. She has also received the Order of Merit from the Salvadoran government and the Peace Prize from the United Nations.

Aida's story is a testament to the resilience of the human spirit. She has overcome unimaginable tragedy and violence to become a beacon of hope and forgiveness. Her work has helped to heal the wounds of the civil war and build a more just and peaceful El Salvador.

## **Forgiveness and Reconciliation**

Aida Hernandez is a powerful advocate for forgiveness and reconciliation. She believes that forgiveness is not about forgetting the past, but about letting go of the anger and hatred that can poison the soul.

Aida has forgiven those who killed her family and tortured her. She has also forgiven herself for the things she did during the war. She believes that forgiveness is the only way to break the cycle of violence and build a better future.

Aida's message of forgiveness and reconciliation is a difficult one to hear, but it is essential for healing the wounds of war and building a more just and peaceful world.

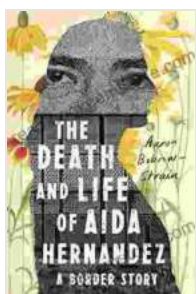
## Legacy

Aida Hernandez is a true hero. She is a survivor of unimaginable tragedy and violence. She is a tireless advocate for peace and reconciliation. Her work has helped to heal the wounds of the civil war and build a more just and peaceful El Salvador.

Aida's story is a testament to the power of the human spirit. She is an inspiration to us all.

## Additional Resources

- [Aida Hernandez's website](#)
- [Aida Hernandez's profile on the Robert F. Kennedy Human Rights website](#)
- [Secretary-General's message for International Women's Day 2018, which features Aida Hernandez](#)



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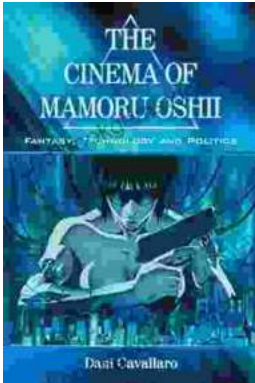
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