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Sabina Wurmbrand's husband had been taken, his fate unknown, and now their young son would be left alone as police arrested her. Sabina Wurmbrand's heart-wrenching story of her imprisonment in Romania speaks of the faithfulness of Christ in every situation.

## **The Pastor's Wife Details**

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### Connie says

Not only did Richard Wurmbrand deal with persecution as a Christ-follower in Romania, but his wife bore indescribable pain - losing her husband to imprisonment for years, being under constant surveillance, seeing her son lose one opportunity after another because of the choices his parents were making, and bearing imprisonment herself.

Her description of sister prisoners was fascinating to me. There were not only women imprisoned for their religious beliefs, but also intellectuals, gypsies, prostitutes, and others - for being with the wrong person at the wrong time, for saying the wrong (often misinterpreted) thing.

She had personal life and faith struggles, but never wavered from her foundation in Christ Whom she shared readily while in prison and caring for the Underground Church.

I am grateful that this courageous pair founded The Voice of the Martyrs to keep us informed today, long after their deaths, of the suffering that continues around the world. Sobering and challenging.

"Martyrs don't make the truth. the truth makes the martyr."

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### Mandy says

I spent my childhood reading Tortured For His Faith by Haralan Popov, over and over. This story was similar, but not as powerful to me personally. I am astounded and inspired by the hardships people endured under the Secret Police in Romania and nearby countries. This story reminded me of the responsibility we free Christians have to those who are persecuted, tortured, and killed for simply loving our God. The Pastor's Wife is well worth reading, but I would recommend Popov's book over it.

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### Gabrielle Carolina says

What an amazing woman, what an amazing God!

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### Bethany Hanna says

Truly amazing!!!! I found myself enthralled and riveted the entire time. Your jaw will drop, and you will need a box of tissues. You'll want everyone you know to read this book when you are done, because the knowledge you gain should be shared to the world.

Highly recommend!

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## **Lisa Jacobson says**

This story, written by the wife of Pastor Richard Wurmbrand, is an amazing testimony of faith under persecution. What I especially enjoyed was hearing the story from the perspective of his wife - who happens to be a lovely writer as well.

"The day's events encouraged me. I had a strong feeling of the divine presence in my solitary cell. God had given me the strength and wit to fend off questions about printing Russian Gospels and receiving relief funds. Perhaps the worst was over.

A piece of chalky plaster had worked loose from the wall. I picked it up and drew on the dark blanket a big cross, in thankfulness." ~ Sabina Wurmbrand

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## **Nadine Brandes says**

This book is heartwrenching and inspirational all at once. I'd always heard of Richard Wurmbrand and the persecution he suffered as a pastor in Romania. But his wife's story is just as powerful. I have no words other than these: Read it and be inspired for Christ!

Favorite quotes:

"Man's greatest privilege is the right to say Yes or No, even to God." (pg. 15)

"If it is dangerous to do God's work, how much more dangerous is it to leave it undone?" (pg. 216)

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## **E says**

This book isn't about being a pastor's wife. It's about suffering anti-Christian persecution at the hands of Communism. She and her husband were both arrested and tortured in Romania for 20 years after the war.

She's not a great storyteller, and her theology's a little off, but this book was insightful for understanding what life was like in post-war Eastern Europe. We all know intellectually that Communism was a disaster, but that's about it. This book fleshes it out in living color.

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## **Shannon says**

It's one thing to know about the persecution of Christians. It's another thing to put a name, a face, and day-to-day experiences to this thing that seems so far away. Sabina Wurmbrand is very real about her experiences, the temptations, the horror. But she also shares of courage and peace I cannot imagine in her circumstances. I'm amazed at the awful things human beings can do to each other, and at the tenacity of a human being to go on living in the midst of so much tragedy. Knowing a man who was "on the other side" of this story makes it that much more intense. I can't agree with all the theological conclusions she drew, but I deeply value the practical application of her Christianity. I admire her steadfastness in her roles as wife, mother, and chiefly Christian. She served as an ambassador for Christ in every place God put her. She spoke with truth with courage, even when she knew the potential consequences. She sets an example few (Americans, at least) ever

see of Christianity in action at tremendous personal cost.

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### **Rebecca says**

After reading this heart-wrenching account of Sabina Wurmbrand and her husband, Richard, I am once again convicted that we Christians should be doing more for our brothers and sisters in Christ who are being persecuted for their faith. We in the US have been blessed and protected for so long. Most of us have no idea what our fellow believers in restricted countries have experienced until we read a book like this one. We need to stay abreast of the happenings within the persecuted church; pray everyday for persecuted Christians and their families and for the closed countries and the leaders. And there are other actions that we can take to help the persecuted church....check out [www.persecution.com](http://www.persecution.com), the website for the organization started by the Wurmbrands. This was a very informative and riveting read and I highly recommend it.

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### **Bryana Johnson says**

This book gives a much more complete picture of the Wurmbrand family's personal history and I especially appreciated how openly Sabina writes about their struggles, loneliness and isolation, as she tells a very real and honest story. Somehow the significance of their endurance becomes even more overwhelming as we hear about the darkness that veiled their sight all the way and sundered everything from everything else. I found their son Mihai's story particularly gripping as he grew up relatively orphaned for several years and struggled not to lose his faith.

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### **Denise Meyer says**

Paints a most realistic and personal picture of life under Communism- very different than how Communists portray themselves to the world. Sabina models forgiveness, urging Believers to press on in faith for Christ's kingdom, never giving up hope. Very inspiring to pray for our oppressed Brothers and Sisters around the world. [side note: I don't completely agree with some theological comments made, though, I am not sure Sabina was expressing her views so much as rambling thoughts or feelings of the people around her]

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### **John R. Brusseau says**

In a world that has replaced the wisdom of experience with the wisdom of the hypothetical, the philosophical, Sabina's book shines out like a long flash of lightening.

She has been through torture, and mind-boggling loss, and has experienced God keeping her soul through it all.

I would rather read one book of hers than a million books by populars with a good way with words. And the thing is, Sabina is a very intelligent, philosophical, and articulate woman to boot.

Her book is a testimony written in blood, tears, and shuddering sorrow, that God is love, and faithful, and life

changing.

My highest recommendation.

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### **Louisa Black says**

Wow. How much can we glean from the book even though we may not experience the level of pain and suffering this lady and many others faced, their experiences speak volumes about how we can endure and over come situations we find ourselves in.

This book exposes the way people treat others violating the position they are in, it can be uncomfortable to read at times.

As honest as Sabine Wurmbrand's words are at times, she is in no way condemning anyone, fueled by hatred or bitter in this book.

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### **Leah says**

Such a heart-wrenching, riveting, encouraging, and challenging auto-biography written by Sabina Wurmbrand. She has such a rich and robust faith, tested by the fires of persecution, but to my utter amazement, she has some weak theology and bad ideas which in turn are a bit pragmatic in the negative sense. Apart from that weakness, this is an incredible true story every Christian would find edifying to read, despite the horrors contained therein. God is gracious and longsuffering to us, and a beautiful reminder that He uses all of us where we are, no matter how much we do or do not know doctrinally, and doesn't always bring us to the same place in the end.

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### **Becky says**

Probably 3 stars for the writing, and 4 or 5 for the content.

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