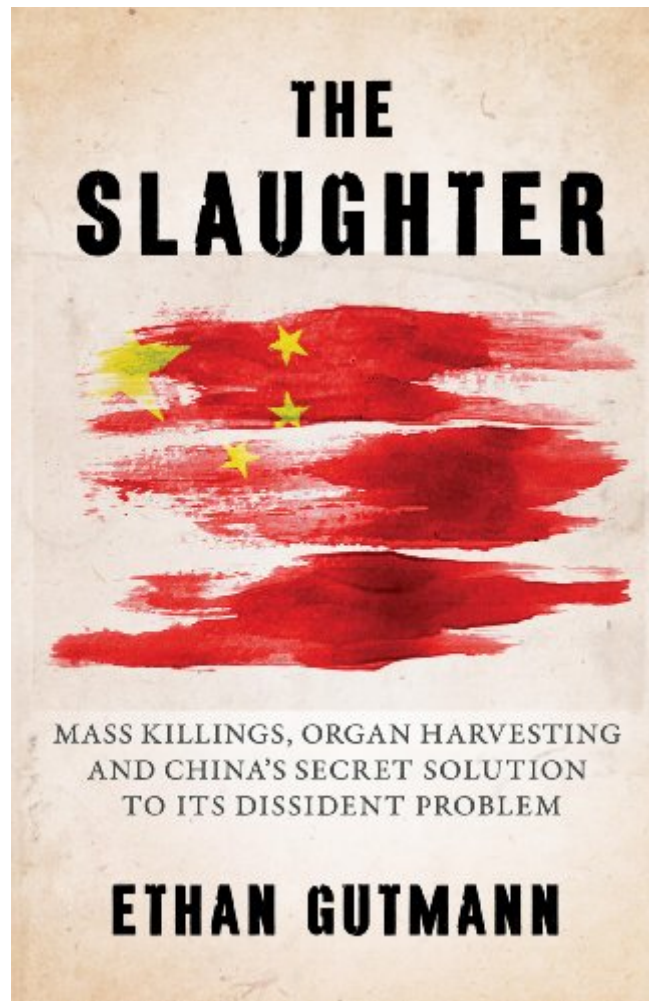


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Synopsis

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. From the Hardcover edition.

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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.

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