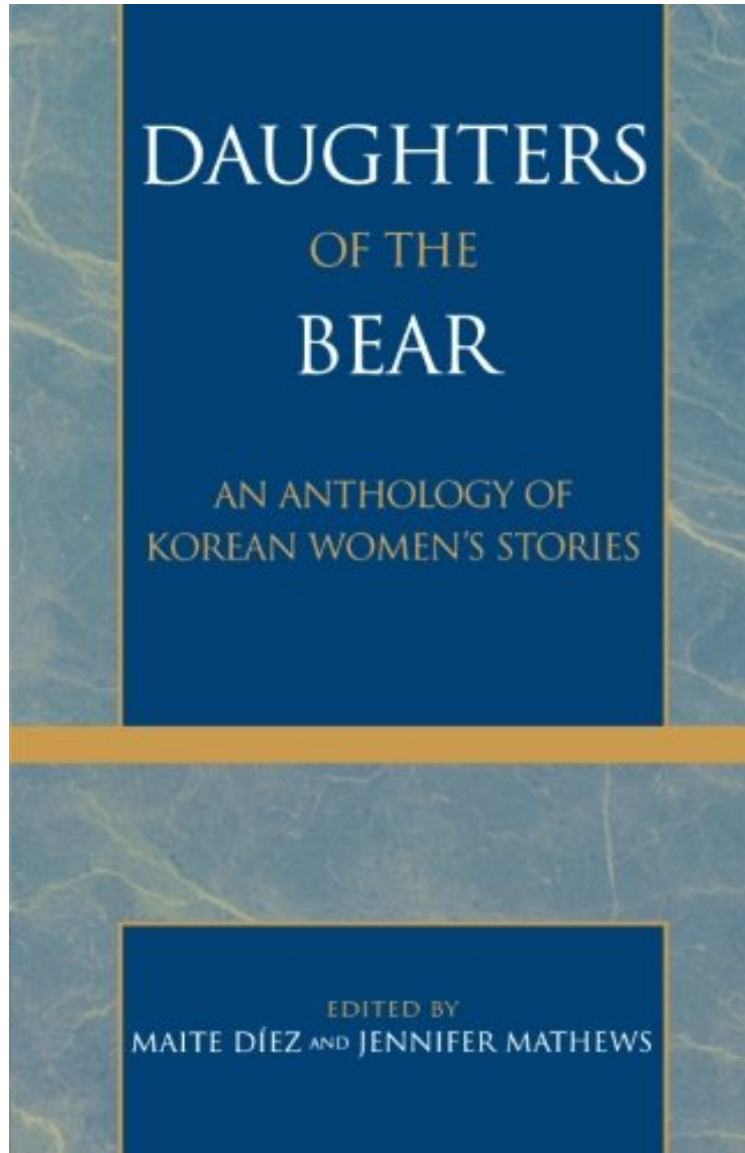


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Daughters of the Bear is an anthology of non-fiction by 53 Korean women such as a shopkeeper in Itaewon, a doctor in Apkujong, a musician in Myong-Dong, a housewife in Chamshil, and a student at Ewha Womans University. Shiver with a merchant as she recollects escaping with her sisters and mother across the 38th Parallel in a rowboat under Russian gunfire; share with a young professional her secret wedding to a coworker; and walk along the paths between green carpeted barley fields toward a woman's childhood home. Through their stories, Korean women of different generations explore family, sacrifice, memories, relationships, sexuality, society's expectations and constraints, education, and the search for fulfillment and identity. The book includes a foreword by Chang Pilwha and translations by Young-Oak Wells, Professor Kenneth Wells and Brother Anthony of Taiz. For additional information on the editors and their publications visit

In *Daughters of the Bear*, these Korean women raise up their candid voices in an open ended dialog with the reader. Books such as this make visible that which has been invisible so far. I encourage anyone who is interested in Korean culture, Korean women, and the situation in modern Korea to read this book. (Professor Chang Pilwha From The Foreword) About the Author Maite Dez is a freelance writer, editor and public relations consultant. Jennifer Mathews is a freelance writer, editor and public relations consultant.