

Something Fierce: Memoirs of a Revolutionary Daughter By Carmen Aguirre **Book Something fierce** A life dedicated to the revolutionary cause unfolds with the children being thrust into a world of insecurity and danger not knowing whether their parents would come back home from their clandestine activities or disappear into the notorious cells of the secret police never to see the light of day again. **Book Something fierce firearms** But this book starts later six whole years after Pinochet's bloody coup when the author's mother and stepfather decide to return to South America in response to the call of the Chilean resistance. **Something fierceness crossword** The story of that return is told from the point of view of young Carmen who at eleven years of age has to leave her life as an exile in Canada and together with her Mami stepfather and younger sister Ale travel back to South America on instructions from above albeit briefly by trips to the children's grandmother in Chile or to their father back in Canada. **Something Fierce ebooks free** As Carmen gets older and starts to have boyfriends the two worlds collide: on the one hand her emerging sexuality and longing for a 'normal' adolescence on the other her belief that her parents are doing the right thing endorsing the revolutionary cause; that she herself wants (or has) to dedicate her life to the resistance when she grows up a bit more. **Fiction Something fiercely** And that is precisely what she does when she turns twenty and joins the resistance herself taking on the risky task of transporting documents over the border between Argentina and Chile. **Something Fierce kindle direct** Despite having an very different upbringing to Carmen's I felt for her every time she was scared but couldn't admit to it because that might drag everybody down or because it's not the done thing. **Book Something fiercepharma** At times I felt angry with her mother and stepfather for placing impossible demands on the children piling them with guilt (as when stepfather Bob chides the girls for their bourgeois tastes when they display some displeasure at moving to a simpler house than they had previously occupied). **EBook Something fierce firearms** In the last chapter (SPOILER ALERT - STOP reading now if you haven't read the book) just before the plebiscite that signalled Pinochet's defeat young Carmen (who is involved in clandestine work in Argentina and Chile) is told by a senior resistance member that the resistance is over it is defeated it has dissolved. **Book Something fiercewireless** How did that happen? When? Was it disagreements over whether to participate in the approaching elections? Tactical fall-outs? Exhaustion? Just as we see light at the end of the tunnel it appears that the work done has not brought the desired result. **Something Fierce fictional** The rather neurasthenic presence of the narrator the daughter picks up somewhat when she too becomes a revolutionary but one never gets the feeling that she does it because she is driven more because she is 18 and it is expected. **Something Fierce memoire** 9781553654629 Not until close to the end of Something Fierce: Memoirs of a Revolutionary Daughter does Carmen Aguirre seem to finally and tellingly encapsulate the profound trauma that the life forced on her by her Chilean revolutionary parents had wrought on her bodily emotionally psychologically and spiritually. **Something Fierce booker** To that point Something Fierce had intermittently captured my interest with its understandably uneven account of a girl growing to young womanhood living the double and triple life of a political refugee in Canada and undercover resistance operative in Peru Bolivia Argentina and Chile. **Something Fierce memoire** The story veers from a firsthand account of the upheaval injustice and at times mortal danger of the brutal Pinochet regime - in essence the disturbing and enraging facts and figures of Naomi Klein's The Shock Doctrine brought to life - to the fancies dreams desires fashion and pop culture whimsies moods and petulance of a typical teenager perhaps anywhere in the world. **Something fiercely meaning** While most of us were fascinated by the book and welcomed the opportunity to learn more about Chile we had different opinions regarding the parenting of Carmen and her sister Ale. **Something fierce carmen aguirre** While some of the other club members made allowances for Mami feeling that she authentically cared for her children and wanted them to experience her love and passion for Chile I tend to agree with Ale's comment: "Here's a revolutionary thought: provide for your children and pay attention to them. **Something fiercepharma** Mad in terms of the things Carmen and her sister Ale lived through as her exiled Chilean mother and her stepfather takes them from Canada back to Latin America to become underground revolutionary with the aim to take Chile back from Pinochet with

force. **Something Fierce epub reader** Carmen has some crazy terrifying experience plus has to live with the fact that she cannot tell anyone about her life her real purpose she has to lie to everyone live in constant fear of discovery saying the wrong thing causing suspicion in others that one day her mother or her stepfather do not return. **EBook Something fierce deity** What I thought she did brilliantly is that she focuses on her journey there is little on the impact on her sister or her parents that has not to do with the impact that has on her. **Book Something fierce firearms** Ultimately this is an interesting story and very easy to read but as I so often find with autobiographies for me is that what I am most interested in hearing is the part of the story that is not told. **Something fierce band** This dramatic darkly funny narrative which covers the eventful decade from 1979 to 1989 takes the reader inside war-ridden Peru dictatorship-run Bolivia post-Malvinas Argentina and Pinochet's Chile. **Something fierceness crossword** Writing with passion and deep personal insight Carmen captures her constant struggle to reconcile her commitment to the movement with the desires of her youth and her budding sexuality. **Something fierce band** From Pinochet's repressive rule in Chile to Shining Path Peru dictatorship-run Bolivia to post-Malvinas Argentina this is a darkly comic coming-of-age memoir is a rare first-hand account of a life as teenage revolutionary. **Something fierce band** It is a well-written and involving account of the growing up of a Chilean daughter transferred to Vancouver after Allende's overthrow who came to adulthood through years of working first with her mother then by herself for the defeat of the illicit Pinochet regime that replaced democratic government in Chile. **Something Fierce kindle** ) And this book becomes a dramatic first-hand account of what living underground is all about -- a description of undercover work in Chile itself -- and a very human story of the difficult yet touching relationships that women and men try to build in such dangerous conditions. **Something fierce book** Growing up as I have in middle class comfort in socialist Canada I have been ignorant too long of the plight of so many of the people who live in South American countries. **Something fiercely meaning** The struggle to achieve decent education and health care for all regardless of class and colour is ongoing in many of those countries and in particular the author's homeland of Chile. **Something fiercely bella** In the wake of the 2016 US election I was looking for something to help me understand the path North America might be traveling over the next few or several years through the experiences of people who had participated in political resistance at other times in other places. **Book Something fierce** The politics of the resistance working to effect change across the neo-liberal experiment of Central and South America in the '80s were at times painfully relevant to what's going on up here with mounting wealth inequality following policies of deregulation and free capitalism. **Something fierceness crossword** Her first non fiction book *Something Fierce: Memoirs of a Revolutionary Daughter* was published in 2011 by Douglas McIntyre in Canada and Granta/Portobello in the United Kingdom and is now available in Finland and Holland in translation. **Something Fierce kindle direct** *Something Fierce* was nominated for British Columbia's National Award for Canadian Non Fiction the international Charles Taylor Prize for Literary Non Fiction was a finalist for the 2012 BC Book Prize was selected by the Globe and Mail Quill Quire and the National Post as o Carmen Aguirre is a Vancouver based theatre artist who has worked extensively in North and South America. **Book Something fierce deity** Her first non fiction book *Something Fierce: Memoirs of a Revolutionary Daughter* was published in 2011 by Douglas McIntyre in Canada and Granta/Portobello in the United Kingdom and is now available in Finland and Holland in translation. **Book Something fiercely** *Something Fierce* was nominated for British Columbia's National Award for Canadian Non Fiction the international Charles Taylor Prize for Literary Non Fiction was a finalist for the 2012 BC Book Prize was selected by the Globe and Mail Quill Quire and the National Post as one of the best books of 2011 was named Book of the Week by BBC Radio in the United Kingdom won CBC Canada Reads 2012 and is a number one national bestseller. **Something Fierce epubor** Performers 2011 Lorena Gale Woman of Distinction Award the 2012 Langara College Outstanding Alumnae Award and has been nominated for the Jessie Richardson Theatre Award the Dora Mavor Moore Award and the prestigious Siminovitch Prize:

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Often not knowing which country they were headed to next: **Fiction Something fierce deity** Carmen and Ale are surprisingly resilient and capable at dealing with the demands of life underground which was quite brutal for both the children and the adults. **Book Something fierce** The dangers of being arrested meant that there had to be complete secrecy and no one was to be trusted as they could be a member of the secret police: **Book Something fierce deity** Keeping pretences and not letting on about the adult's activities was a must at all times, **EPub Something fiercepharma** This creates a stifling atmosphere thankfully broken.

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This is a book that had me thinking about it at night after I'd gone to bed: **Something fierce origin** And also during the day when I had to stop the reading and occupy myself with other things. **Something fiercepharma** I'd wait patiently for the time when I could go back to it unable to put the book out of my mind: **Something Fierce memoire** It covers a time skipped or not fully accounted for in other accounts of Pinochet's dictatorship I'm aware of: **Something fierceness crossword** It is the time after Allende's assassination and the initial sway of repression that held the country in its grip, **Something fierceful meaning** I'd both read and watched the film adaptation of Isabella Allende's House of Spirits and Costa-Gavras' film Missing. **Book Something fiercely** Most other people who responded to the call left their children behind: **Something Fierce fiction meaning** Not so Carmen's mother who believed that she shouldn't have to sacrifice motherhood for the sake of revolution or the other way round, **Book Something fiercewireless** We are left with a bitter taste and wishing we received a bit more feedback in a book that is understandably not a political analysis but a personal memoir. **Something Fierce kindle reader** Still the book revealed a lacuna and a need for the history of that movement its defeats and victories tactics and politics to be told and explained. **Memoir Something fiercely** Mad times mad people an intensity of belief that expressed itself in action that I think the author daughter of two revolutionaries didn't 'catch' and never truly understood: **Something fierceness crossword** It was a consistently good read but mostly because the people were so incredibly interesting and lived what they believed, **Something fierceness crossword** As it turns out she is an actor one who follows direction: **Something fiercepulse** 9781553654629 At last night's book club we had a lively discussion about Carmen Aguirre's memoir Something Fierce: Memoirs of a Revolutionary Daughter: **Book Something fierce deity** When Carmen was five years old her family left Chile and began a new life in Vancouver: **Something fierce book** Six years later her mother (Mami) decided to return and join the revolutionary movement against Pinochet's dictatorship: **Book Something fiercepharma** Separated from her husband Mami decided to take her two daughters with her: **Book Something fiercely** What follows is Carmen's coming of age story set against the frightening backdrop of Chile in the 1980s: **Book Something fiercewireless** Moving from city to city and country to country across South America the children were left with a revolving door of babysitters as Mami and her partner Bob were on assignment, **Something fiercewater nargacuga** At one point in the story Carmen is left alone too long and her money runs out, **Book Something fiercebiotech** She hides in the apartment and morphs into an "agoraphobic 15-year-old skeleton with obsessive compulsive disorder, **Something fierceful meaning** " Interestingly enough Carmen thought life in the Resistance was normal and decided to become a revolutionary at age eighteen, **Something fierceful meaning** "In a CBC interview Carmen spoke of her love and admiration for Mami. **Something fiercely meaning** While Carmen would never put her own child through that experience she did offer insight into her mother's behavior. **Something fierceness crossword** Born in an upper middle class home Mami was not raised in the Resistance movement and had no clue about its effects on young children. **Something fierce book** Mami took to heart the words of her

Resistance oath: "I am committed to giving my life to the cause: **Something fierceness crossword** From now on my entire life is dedicated to the cause which takes precedence over everything else: **Something fierce origin** "To date very little has been written about the Chilean revolution in English literature. **Something fierce origin** In writing *Something Fierce* Carmen Aguirre has filled that void. **Something fiercely meaning** They set up a safe house in La Paz Bolivia and their travels takes them on through South America, **Something fierceful meaning** Whilst I respect that it makes it seem at times a bit lacking in perspective. **Something fierce band** She does not go into great detail on certain aspects of South American events if those events only had impact on her in passing: **Book Something fiercebiotech** I know many readers found that frustrating yet to me this is one of the strengths of this book for me, **Book Something fiercely** She focusses on her story alone if she only passes through the civil war in Peru she only mentions it in passing. **Something fiercepharma** She lives through the upheaval in Bolivia in the late 70ies: so more time is given to the details. **Book Something fiercebiotech** 9781553654629 A gripping darkly comic first-hand account of a young underground revolutionary during the Pinochet dictatorship in 1980s Chile, **Book Something fierce** On September 11 1973 a violent coup removed Salvador Allende the democratically elected socialist president of Chile from office, **Memoir Something fiercebiotech** Thousands were arrested tortured and killed under General Augusto Pinochet's repressive new regime. **Book Something fierce** Soon after the coup six-year-old Carmen Aguirre and her younger sister fled the country with their parents for Canada and a life in exile: **Something fierce book** In 1978 the Chilean resistance issued a call for exiled activists to return to Latin America: **Something fierceness crossword** Most women sent their children to live with relatives or with supporters in Cuba but Carmen's mother kept her precious girls with her. **Book Something fierce firearms** As their mother and stepfather set up a safe house for resistance members in La Paz Bolivia the girls' own double lives began: **Kindle Something fierce deity** With conventional day jobs as a cover she and her new husband moved to Argentina to begin a dangerous new life of their own. **Something Fierce epub.pub** 'Something Fierce' is a gripping story of love war and resistance and a rare first-hand account of revolutionary life: **Something fierceness crossword** *Something Fierce: Memoirs of a Revolutionary Daughter* I am thankful to the author for having written this book: **Something fierceness crossword** I feel like I learned something about the world I wouldn't have otherwise ever known. **Something Fierce booker** I'm in awe of revolutionaries and people who dedicate their lives to what they fiercely believe in. **Something fiercely meaning** This book made me laugh and cry and overall had a huge impact on me. **Fiction Something fierce firearms** 9781553654629 From BBC Radio 4 - Book of the Week: Born a week after the death of Che Guevara Carmen Aguirre was always destined to become a revolutionary. **Something fierce band** After Pinochet's violent coup in Chile in 1973 her family is forced to flee to Canada, **Book Something fierce firearms** And when a few years later the Chilean resistance calls for exiled activists to return to fight the cause Carmen's mother heeds the call. **Something fiercely meaning** Determined to make mini revolutionaries of her two daughters she takes them with her - and so Carmen's double life begins, **Something fierceful meaning** Posing as a westernised teenager by day at night she is drilled in surveillance techniques cryptography and subterfuge not to mention political theory and revolutionary history: **Something Fierce memoire** It is a time of high excitement but also one of fear and paranoia of who to trust and who to fear, **Book Something fiercely** It is also the story of a young girl trying to reconcile her commitment to the cause with her very unrevolutionary new interests in boys music and fashion. **Book Something fierce firearms** 1/5: dressed as an all-American teenager Carmen returns to Latin America with her mother and sister to join the underground and a new life of subterfuge and danger: **Book Something fiercely** 2/5: After a perilous visit to her beloved Chile Carmen finds herself questioning her commitment to the cause: **Book Something fiercepharma** 3/5: when the situation in Bolivia becomes too dangerous Carmen finds herself in rural Argentina in the depths of a harsh winter. **Something Fierce kindle reader** 4/5: a mission across the Andes goes perilously wrong and Carmen is forced to risk all: **Memoir Something fiercewireless** 5/5: secret police paranoia and mistrust as the resistance begins to

falter. **Something fiercely meaning** Author: Carmen Aguirre is a playwright and actor now living in Vancouver, **Something Fierce epubor** uk/programmes/b015yt3s 9781553654629 **Something Fierce** is the memoir that won the CBC Canada Reads Contest for 2012: **Book Something fiercepharma** First it recounts what it was like growing up in such unusual circumstances of deeply-defined political rebellion: **Something Fierce pdf** Carmen Aguirre found herself moving rapidly from place to place. **Fiction Something fierce firearms** She found herself left alone with her younger sister to cope with few sources of food while her mother was trying to organize resistance in Chile, **Something fierceful meaning** And not surprisingly over time this made her independent and rebellious -- rupturing her relations with her mother, **Something fierceness crossword** The dynamics of this entire process are recounted honestly in this book and make for an unusual and compelling story. **Something fierce origin** But there is also a second and even more interesting aspect of this book. **Book Something fierce** Carmen came in her young life despite her complicated relations with her mother to commit herself to revolution in Chile (and Argentina, **Something fierce book** Somehow Carmen survived this struggle just as somehow Chile has survived Pinochet: **Book Something fiercely** But this book is a memorial to the very human courage that was required to stay so fierce for so long: **Something fierce book** 9781553654629 I read very little non-fiction and am often disappointed when I do. **Something Fierce kindle reader** Many years ago I saw Costa Gravas's excellent film Missing about the injustices carried out during the Pinochet regime. **Something fierce book** I have Carmen Aguirre's book to thank for educating me about the man and his legacy, **Book Something fiercebiotech** I also learned a great deal about Bolivia and Argentina during the same time both countries with their own struggles against inequality: **Something Fierce epublishing** Aguirre's youth as the child of rebels is at times completely normal and at others shockingly deprived and difficult, **Book Something fiercebiotech** The author is very open about her adolescent coming of age under very trying circumstances: **Book Something fiercely** I appreciate her sharing these parts of her life with us, **Kindle Something fiercely** She is truly an inspiration! Unlike many others I do not fault Aguirre's mother for her choice of living the life of a rebel: **Something fierce carmen aguirre** Only those who make great personal sacrifices can affect change in the world. **Book Something fierce** 9781553654629 A story that must not die with the people who lived it. **Something Fierce booklet** I stumbled on this memoir through my library and it was the story I needed, **Something Fierce kindle store** The personal story Aguirre told was vivid and intimate at times difficult but well leavened by humour and beauty and just plain truth in her representations of adolescent experience, **Something fierceful meaning** This wasn't a book that was hard to put down; indeed it was sometimes difficult to pick up: **Something fierceness crossword** 9781553654629 Carmen Aguirre is a Vancouver based theatre artist who has worked extensively in North and South America. **Book Something fiercewireless** She has written and co written twenty one plays including Chile Con Carne The Trigger The Refugee Hotel and Blue Box: **Book Something fiercely** She has written and co written twenty one plays including Chile Con Carne The Trigger The Refugee Hotel and Blue Box. **Book Something fiercely** Aguirre has than sixty film TV and stage acting credits is a Theatre of the Oppressed workshop facilitator and an instructor in the acting department at Vancouver Film School. Some questions remain. 9781553654629 The blurb says it all. I don't have anything much to add. Chile Argentina and Peru. Read my complete review here: <http://bookgagabooks.ca/2012/02/06/so>. I will die for the cause if need be. An excellent read that will evoke strong feelings. 9781553654629 This was a mad book. Carmen is 11 when they leave Canada. Her choice her story I know. At eighteen Carmen herself joined the resistance. Reader: Mia Soteriou. Abridger: Richard Hamilton Producer: Justine Willett. <http://www.bbc.co>. This is a remarkable book on several levels. She was often lied to about what was to happen. She could not contact her father in Vancouver. **Something Fierce** however is well worth reading. I had no idea how long these injustices continued however. In fact Pinochet's rule still has repercussions today. But Aguirre's story will be with me for a long time. She received the Union of B.C. Aguirre is a graduate of Studio 58. {site\_link}



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