Hostage to fortune

I got in touch with Ingrid Betancourt by calling her mobile phone, which is a vital part of her struggle for peace in Colombia. Her voice is full of wisdom and strength, and she is a true hero for the cause.

Ingrid Betancourt is a former Colombian politician who was kidnapped by guerrillas in 2002 and held for 2,319 days. During her captivity, she suffered immensely, enduring physical and mental violence, deprivation of freedom, and the loss of her family. She lost her hands, her health, and her hopes.

Betancourt's life has been dedicated to Colombia's hostages. Her story is a testament to her courage and determination. She has refused to give up, even in the darkest moments.

In her debut novel, she describes her experience as a hostage and her ordeal. The novel is titled "Blue Line," and it is a powerful account of her journey. Betancourt writes about the violence, the isolation, and the hope that kept her going.

"Blue Line" is a story of resilience, hope, and love. It speaks of the pain and the joy, of the struggle and the triumph. It is a story of a free soul even in the midst of captivity.

Betancourt says, "If I can do it, others can do it too. It's about not giving up. It's about not being afraid. It's about being strong." She encourages others to find their inner strength and to never give up on their dreams.

Betancourt's story is not just about her, but about all those who have suffered under similar circumstances. It is a call to action for a better world.

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**The Taoist philosopher Lao Tzu**

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"I want to survive from the pressure of the book tour. A woman approached me and said my book had moved her. Do you have 10 minutes to listen to my story?" she asked. Coincidentally, the woman and her husband had been activists during Argentina's Dirty War and were kidnapped by the military and" "We can live a life filled with bitterness and a thirst for revenge, but we can also choose - and it is a choice - to dignify our pain and to be a free soul even in things we cannot change. Freedom is about choosing happiness."

Betancourt describes her book as a "love story" and speaks of her journey as a writer with great admiration. "It's a discipline that allows us to share in a profound and intimate way.

"Blue Line" has been back to Colombia several times since her liberation, but security is still a concern. "I am not comfortable getting back into the frenzy of bodyguards and armored vehicles," she says. "I am always on guard. I am always trying to see what's happening and how I can help, if I can.

Every year, Betancourt marks the date of her liberation from captivity. "It is a rebirth for me," she explains. "Surviving something traumatic happens to so many people." The novel was released in Paris, and Betancourt was thrilled with the reception. She received a standing ovation at the presentation, and the crowd was moved to tears.

Betancourt's story is a testament to the power of the human spirit. It is a story of survival, love, and hope. It is a story of a free soul even in things we cannot change.