



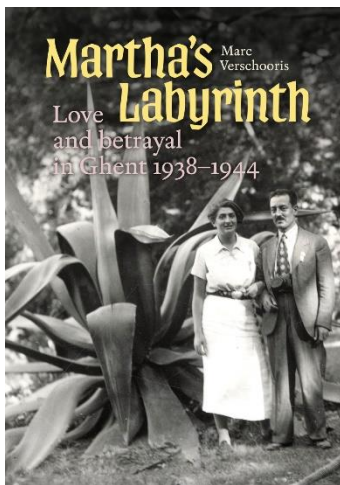
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Martha's Labyrinth. Love and betrayal in Ghent 1938-1944

Book Talk with Marc Verschooris (Gent) and Andreas Brunner (Qwien)



'Martha's Labyrinth' tells the story of Jewish biologist Martha Geiringer's 1938 escape from Vienna to Ghent, where she meets a married doctor, Yvonne. The biographical portrait of two fascinating women takes us through two decades in a war-torn world, a period of enormous political instability. It is about Martha intelligent, stubborn and determined. And about Yvonne, the equally stubborn, determined and intelligent young Ghent doctor.

The intimate and powerful relationship between these two women is set against a backdrop of the slow encroachment of the Nazi ideology into every aspect of their lives and those of their surrounding families and colleagues. It chronicles, in detail, different layers of Ghent life as it slowly deteriorates, and Martha is driven into the depths of the Labyrinth.

Marc Verschooris (1956) is a former lecturer at University College Ghent. Research and Publications about resistance, collaboration and the persecution of the Jews in Ghent during World War II. A current project deals with the confiscation of Ghent real estate by the Germans (1940-1944) and its subsequent seizure by the Allies (1944-1947).

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