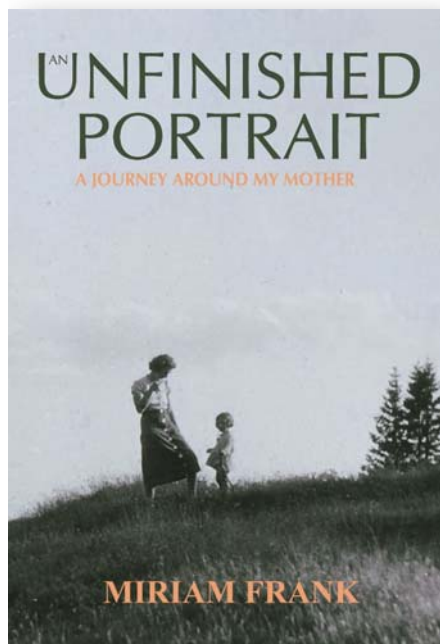


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MIRIAM FRANK



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Miriam Frank's mother, a Spanish anarchist saved her from, first, Franco's armies, then the French police looking for Jewish people in hiding in Vichy France. Exiled to five continents, she finally settled in Britain after disappointment with Israel. After the death of her mother, Miriam found out that her mother had kept photo albums with her at all times, even when fleeing, but had not bequeathed them to her. Further and further estranged since the war years, her mother apparently didn't think Miriam would care for them.

In this poignant memoir Miriam traces the life of her mother through previously unseen album pictures - from Orwell's leftwing and freewheeling Barcelona, Twenties' Berlin, idyllic Deia on the Mediterranean island of Mallorca, London's Bloomsbury, and Paris' post Belle Époque. Travelling through her mother's life she reconstructs a life of political and cultural refugees, ex-Communists and anarchists, photographers, artists, writers and historians and meets up again with some, weaving a delicate portrait of identity, remembrance and belonging.

Miriam Frank was born in Barcelona and became one of the first female anaesthetologists at London Hospital and a senior lecturer. She was married to Kokoschka's main disciple and has translated works from the Spanish. She lives in Battersea, South West London.

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