

A Book Review of Inside the Battle of Algiers, by Zohra Drif: A Thematic Analysis on Women's Agency

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Abstract : This paper explores Zohra Drif's memoir, *Inside the Battle of Algiers*, which narrates her desires as a student to become a revolutionary activist. She exemplified, in her narrative, the different roles, she and her fellows performed as combatants in the Casbah during the Algerian Revolution 1954-1962. This book review aims to evaluate the concept of women's agency through education and language learning, and its impact on empowering women's desires. Close-reading method and thematic analysis are used to explore the text. The analysis identified themes that refine the meaning of agency which are social and cultural supports, education, and language proficiency. These themes aim to contribute to the representation in *Inside the Battle of Algiers* of a woman guerrilla who engaged herself to perform national acts of resistance.

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