

To reflect on The Holding on Night

I would choose the book "The Holding on Night" as the reflection for my reading this time. In fact, its content fits the current situation because we all face the same problem together in the world, which is, "the spread of the virus." In the book, it was during the influenza pandemic of 1918, and now COVID-19 is circulating in the world.

In the content of this book, for example, the school teachers asked students to go home directly, and stayed inside the house after they got home. They needed to read the newspaper and know when school was about to start again. Wasn't this the life we experienced during National level 3 alert in Taiwan? In the book, after the virus spread, more and more people got flu and died one after another, including our family members. In this world dominated by viruses, there is a dead silence everywhere. Although what is said in the middle part of the book is that whether it was the atmosphere or the situation at that time, it was very horrible and very lonely, but in this I see the responsibility of a father and a husband. At the end of the book, the author did not actually explain whether Anna and the others recovered or not, but as repeated their mother's prediction--"we'll all pull through."

I think the author wanted to use this method to let us speculate on the final outcome. Would they survive eventually in the book, or was it just a reflection of their lives before they died? For me, this kind of result of the second kind of return is the real ending in my imagination. Because as stated in the book, Anna's father walked through the maze formed by the mattress and the bodies before taking her out, so it can be learned from this that the epidemic has become uncontrollable. In other words, at the end of the book, the content of the dialogue they talked about should be just the hopes and dreams in their hearts.

In this book, the author expressed the process of a family struggling for life in the era of rampant flu. In this process, what the author conveyed to me was-"No matter how difficult the environment we are in, we must face life positively and bravely." In addition, as we are facing the attack of COVID-19 nowadays, we should send out our warmth a lot, give out our compassion and care, and break through this horrible nightmare of virus together.