



The Uncaged Voice: Stories by Writers in Exile
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The Uncaged Voice is a collection of writings from journalist-refugees living in Canada. Their works are brutal and heart-rending, demonstrating the strength and resilience of journalists and writers from countries where freedom of the press and of expression are ideals, not realities. Contributors include:

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