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A reader edited by Irene Brauer and Friedrich Dönhoff. Marion Gräfin Dönhoff was a witness to the signs of her time: the alienation of East and West, the ever-increasing divide between rich and poor, the injustices of totalitarian regimes – and she set an example too: as a publicist and advisor to important contemporaries, she had a lasting impact on post-1945 German history. This book contains the personal memories and observations of a free spirit, commentaries on key figures of recent German history, as well as the exciting travelogues of a brave woman who experienced the conflict in the Middle East and apartheid in South Africa at first hand. This book brings together the most important articles and reports published by Germany's most prominent journalist over a career spanning six decades. Vividly and intelligently written, they reveal her thoughts on the topics which concern us just as much today as they did back then: power and morality, the excesses of capitalism and the responsibility of the individual in society.



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Marion Gräfin Dönhoff, born in Friedrichstein in East Prussia in 1909, studied economics in Frankfurt and Basel and managed her family's property in East Prussia until 1945. Her career as a journalist began after she fled to the West. As writer, editor and then editor-in-chief, she strongly shaped the weekly paper ›Die Zeit‹ right up until her death in 2002. Marion Gräfin Dönhoff was honoured with numerous awards in recognition of her work, including the ›Peace Prize of the German Book Trade‹.