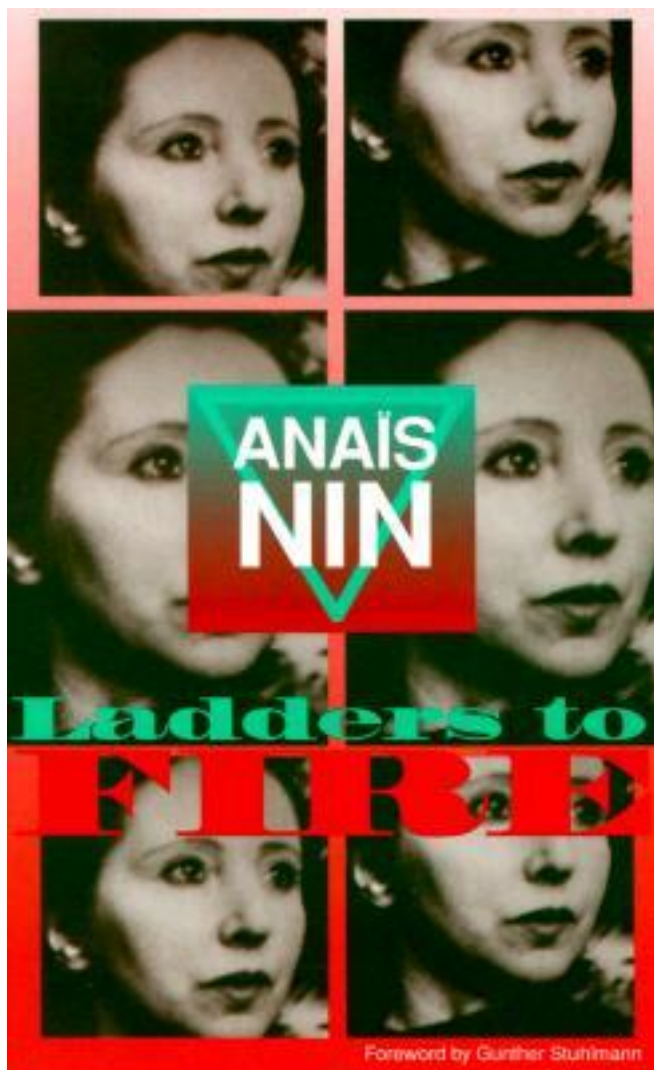


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# Anaïs Nin

## Ladders to Fire (Cities of the Interior #1)



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## Description

Anaïs Nin's *Ladders to Fire* interweaves the stories of several women, each emotionally inhibited in her own way: through self-doubt, fear, guilt, moral drift, and distrust. The novel follows their inner struggles to overcome these barriers to happiness and wholeness. The author's own experiences, as recorded in her famous diaries, supplied the raw material for her fiction. It was her intuitive, experimental, and always original style that transformed one into the other. Nin herself memorably claimed that "it was the fiction writer who edited the diary."

*Ladders to Fire* explores the erotic attachments of four young women. Nin described it as a "woman's struggle to understand her own nature." It began a five-volume "continuous novel," *Cities of the Interior*, which includes *Children of the Albatross* (1947), *The Four-Chambered Heart* (1950), *A Spy in the House of Love* (1954), and *Solar Barque* (1959). Set in the pre-war, expatriate Paris of Henry Miller, this novel — which shocked Nin's contemporaries — draws its inspiration from her confessional diaries. Although Nin found in her diaries a profound mode of self-creation and confession, she could not reveal this intimate record of her own experiences during her lifetime. Instead, she turned to fiction, where her stories and novels became artistic "distillations" of her secret diaries. This 1995 reissue of the 1946 novel *Ladders to Fire* has a new cover and foreword.

This Swallow Press reissue of *Ladders to Fire* includes a new introduction by Nin scholar Benjamin Franklin V, as well as Gunther Stuhlmann's classic foreword to the 1995 edition.

## Insightful reviews

Shibbie: Beautiful language and writing style. Plus my struggles are Lillian's struggles and I like that kind of identification with a book. Minus one star because erotica in the late 50s is really not erotic enough for the 2000s. Just saying.

Teresa: Na adolescência li e reli, fascinada, os contos eróticos de Anaïs Nin. Esperava sentir renascer, com este livro, o mesmo encanto mas, revelou-se tão entediante que nem o consegui terminar.

Está muito bem escrito.

As personagens estão profundamente caracterizadas. (As quatro primeiras páginas são uma maravilha.)

Mas...Muitos diálogos de "não sei quem sou", do "que sonho enquanto durmo". Muitas descrições alucinantes da realidade...

*"Balouçar. Balouçar. O sossego da folhagem estival rente ao chão como um leito. Rolar. Rolar. Segurar e dobrar. Vapor. Vapor. Uma máquina com gigantescos gonzos oleados que produzia mel, rios de mel num leito de folhagem estival."*

Isto é bonito mas tão rebuscado que não percebo nada.

Bill O'Connor: Beautiful, flowery, emotional descriptions and settings, but that's all it was. I gave up approximately halfway in because nothing was actually happening (and I typically like novels

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with florid language!)

metaphor: he'll die of hardness, and that i from feeling too much. even if humans knock at the door i've got a sense they aren't knocking on wooden yet on my heart. all of the blows fall at once on my heart.

Tori: Anaïs Nin has essentially the most eloquent, sincere costs i've got ever seen; her manner of writing is an remark of life, love, and human interplay that's unabashedly practical that you simply instantly end up in her work, whether she is just writing a passing inspiration in her diary documentations (also an excellent read, when you can locate it).The so much costs I observed from her paintings got here from "Ladders to Fire," that's the evolving tale of a lady named Lillian who profits and loses many folks and very reveals herself always in a kingdom of tension from evaluating herself to others, over-thinking people's actions, and not fairly figuring out who she is or the place she is comfortable. the 2 different major characters are her friend, Djuna (who is her voice of reason), and her boyfriend and/or love interest, Jay (who explanations her a lot grief from his worry of dedication and his skill to spin bullshit into poetry that leaves Lillian extra careworn approximately herself). numerous different characters are pointed out in passing glances or memories, a few staying for a bankruptcy or to assist with personality improvement of Lillian, mostly, and how that she has a tendency to fall in love with someone who provides her recognition or is the embodiment of who she needs she might be, yet is simply too afraid to turn into on the grounds that she thinks it truly is extra vital to stick with Jay instead of discover who she might be with no the starvation for love.The tale is superbly written and a truly brief learn (only approximately one hundred eighty pages in my copy), and it might probably relatively in truth be entire in one sitting when you are uninterrupted. i actually pointed out with a number of components of every personality that got here into play, and it either intrigued and saddened me, yet a lot of the tale helped me to imagine that maybe the purpose used to be for me to work out the extremes of personality and take elements of every into my very own development. it's a kind of stories: the sort that makes you're thinking that "I be aware of who I am, i am like this character" if you start, and by means of the top you are saying "I cannot think they proceed to do this. I see why this different personality has this mindset; I should still imagine extra like them, instead." it is a stable e-book to learn via and examine from, on condition that it's extra according to own development of each personality and their interactions instead of even if somebody can remain in love. And as I said, Nin does have such extraordinary sort in her writing, you will not be ready to withstand the way in which the tale unfolds.

Clare: Okay, it has been some time due to the fact I learn this. (And allow me guarantee you that this is often the inaccurate cover, simply because my replica is so grotesque it will make your eyes bleed.)But i admire Anaïs Nin. That's... pretty well it. examining her is tough simply because i am getting distracted puzzling over how appealing it is. comparable challenge i've got with sitting down and studying loads of poetry all at once.

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