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# INSIDE THE WOMEN'S ARMY

After generations of oppression, sometimes the only option is to go to the mountains and join a revolution.

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# FIGHTING FOR FREEDOM

## THE RESISTANCE THAT REQUIRES A LIFETIME

The fascinating story of Jiyan, a female guerrilla fighter who devoted twenty years of her life in the Kurdish militant struggle, reveals women's determination for freedom not only against another oppressive regime, but also against the patriarchy.

Jiyan Tolhildan is a young Kurdish woman living in the Kurdish region of Syria. After years of oppression by her family, her teachers and the society as a whole, Jiyan decides to go to the mountains to join the Kurdish struggle for freedom.



## PROGRAMME INFORMATION

This inspiring documentary features first-hand accounts of the persecution suffered by the women who now serve in the Kurdish fight. Traumatic tales of forced childhood betrothals are countered by the feelings of kinship, belonging and purpose that developed while training in the mountains.

We follow the women's army through their training: drilling with assault rifles, tanks and ancient grenades; their fighting between the narrow streets of crumbling cities and the contrast of their vibrant, proud, flag-waving march as they take to the streets in protest. All to force the world to listen to their message: "Women, Life, Freedom."

## TO RE-ESTABLISH A NEW WORLD

When the Arab Spring breaks out Jiyan and her friends decide to go into the cities in Syria to join the protests. They also set out to educate Syrian women on women's rights in the Rojava region. Now, six years after the Arab Spring, Kurdish forces have a semi-autonomous region in Syria. For the first time in history, women have an autonomous political organisation and an army in Syria. The women named this organisation "The Women's Revolution."

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