

Everything Is Broken

Emma Larkin

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"With indefatigable shoe-leather journalism... Larkin reconstructs what happened in the aftermath of cyclone Nargis and indicts the insulated regime for creating a desperately untenable situation for its people." —*Publishers Weekly Review*

On May 2, 2008, an enormous tropical cyclone made landfall in Burma, wreaking untold havoc and leaving 138,300 people dead and missing. In the days that followed, the sheer scale of the disaster became apparent as information began to seep out from the hard-hit delta area. But the Burmese regime, in an unfathomable decision of near-genocidal proportions, provided little relief to its suffering population and blocked international aid from entering the country.

In *Everything Is Broken*, Emma Larkin—whose deep knowledge of the Burmese people has afforded her unprecedented access and a rare understanding of life under Burmese oppression—provides a singular portrait of the regime responsible for compounding the tragedy, and examines the historical, religious, and superstitious setting that created Burma's tenacious and brutal dictatorship. Writing under an assumed name, Larkin delivers the heretofore untold story of a disaster that stunned the world, unveiling as she does so the motivations of the impenetrable generals who govern this troubled nation.

Emma Larkin is the pseudonym for an American who was born and raised in Asia and who studied the Burmese language at the School of Oriental and African Studies in London. She lives in Bangkok, Thailand, and has been visiting Burma for close to fifteen years. Her previous book, *Finding George Orwell in Burma*, won the Borders Original Voices Award for Non-Fiction.

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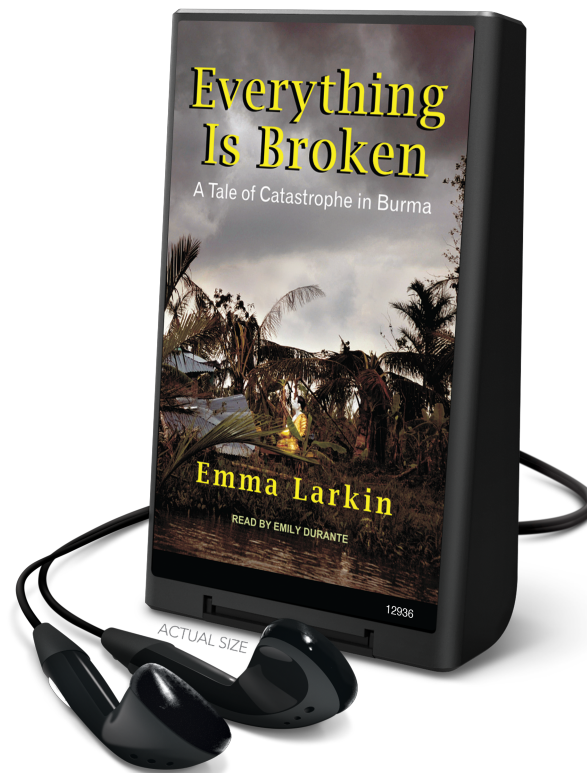


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