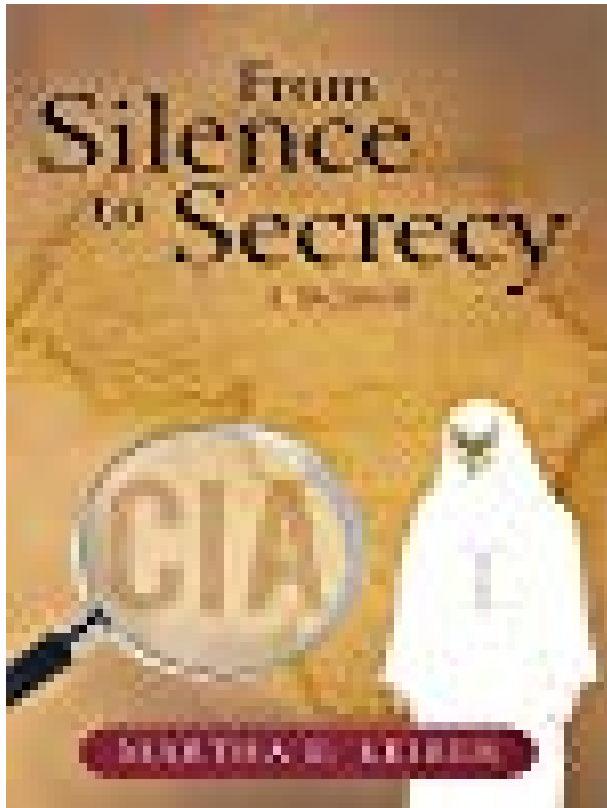


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As a young girl growing up in Kansas, Martha Leiker always felt a pull toward Africa. She couldn't explain why, but she dreamed of working in Africa with the African people. In "From Silence to Secrecy," Leiker narrates the story of how she made that dream come true. Leiker likens her life to that of a chameleon-changing easily from one lifestyle to another. This memoir follows those changes, beginning with her birth in 1940 in rural Kansas; her training as a nun with the Missionary Sisters of Our Lady of Africa in Pennsylvania; her work in Africa as a missionary for eight years; her twenty years of service with the CIA; and her current position with the National Active and Retired Federal Employees Association (NARFE) in Colorado. Including many fascinating photos, "From Silence to Secrecy" demonstrates how one young girl with a dream accomplished her goals and lived a life full of rich experiences.

Leiker's story shows how her faith, hope, inner strength, and dreams carried her far.