



Memories of a Dreamer

Memories of a Dreamer: The Journey of a Political Prisoner.

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This documentary on the atrocities perpetrated in Chile under the military dictatorship of Gen. Augusto Pinochet (1915-2006) focuses on one man, Felix Mora, imprisoned in 1973 at the local sports stadium that became the site of brutal beatings, torture, and starvation. Several years later, Mora was able to escape. He eventually landed in Canada, where it seemed North Americans had no idea of the crimes to humanity being committed in his homeland. Mora and other exiles initiated a movement to raise awareness of the situation. Pinochet finally lost power in 1990, and Mora returned home after 15 years. Ultimately, the men who were imprisoned were officially recognized as victims of the dictatorship. Mora, who now lives in Canada and is involved in politics there, is an extremely compassionate man who was badly damaged by his experiences in Chile. He speaks movingly here of the psychological effects of witnessing torture and executions. This heart-wrenching film will educate viewers about the "lost generation" of men who unfairly became political prisoners.—B. Allison Gray, Santa Barbara P.L., Goleta Branch, CA