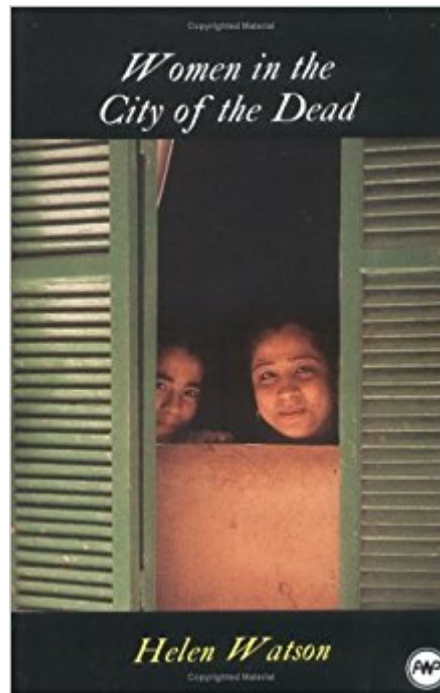




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Women In The City Of The Dead



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enjoyed how the author told the woman's life story and then followed it by her "tale". But what I loved most was how these women faced such adversity - with hope, compassion and a wonderful sense of humor.

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