

SYNOPSIS

Rice Without Rain tells about Jinda as a courageous young Thai girl. Jinda is the main character in this novel. Jinda is a seventeen year old whose father, the leader of a small rice-farming village in northern Thailand. Jinda has a sister named Dao and a little brother named Pinit. Jinda's sister has a son named Oi. Jinda's mother died when she was child because of ill. Jinda's village suffers from the exorbitant land rent, leaving the farmers poverty-stricken and landless, also a silent harvest happens in their village. Slowly the villagers, including Jinda's father, the headman, take up the rallying cry, and slowly too does Jinda fall in love with Ned, the leader of the student radicals. Ned and his three friends, makes Jinda believes that Ned could help her father to struggle against the law of government by not pay the rent because their village is hunger and sorrow. Unfortunately, when Jinda's father or the headman listens to Ned and resists paying the usurious land rents, he is arrested at Bangkok after. When Jinda arrives at Bangkok, she immediately searching Ned's home where he organizes a demonstration that might help free Jinda's father. However, the military put down the demonstrators in a bloody massacre. Returning to her village, Jinda discovers that her father has died in prison. Jinda decides to go back into her village and continuing her life and hopes Ned could back and to live on their village although they must live in poverty. Unluckily, she could not live together with her love; Jinda chooses the simpler path in life, the eternal way. Through at all, through newfound love and personal tragedy, Jinda discovers her inner strengths and ultimately comes to terms with the value of life.