

SEOUL TRAIN, by Jim Butterworth and Lisa Sleeth, is a gripping documentary exposé into the life-and-death struggle faced by North Korean refugees as they flee their homeland through China—which does not recognize their legal status as refugees. SEOUL TRAIN combines verite and hidden camera footage with personal stories and interviews to reveal the harrowing journey attempted by 250,000 refugees. Their clandestine escape over hundreds of miles of Chinese territory via an "underground railroad" of safe houses and hidden routes, the refugees face imprisonment and death if captured and returned to North Korea. SEOUL TRAIN brings to light this humanitarian tragedy of a neglected people risking—and often

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losing—their lives for freedom.

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