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The Unquiet Daughter
Danielle Flood: nected to the Internet to view the videos.
The videos below are organized by topic and run between 45
literary agent Wendy Sherman, New York.
work on The Unquiet Daughter.
in the second volume of his biography and noted that Greene
biographer had described her mother, father, and stepfather
In the late 1990s she learned that Graham Greene's authorized
political cartoonist, Jim Morin.
in love with her husband, the three-time Pulitzer Prize winning
writer for The Miami News. Shortly thereafter she met and fell
Sun Sentinel. Her last staff position was as the lead feature
associated Press, and did much freelancing for other publications,

I knew what kind of a situation I came from, though I knew in my
and Graham Greene were there, to find out who I was. I had to
out records, photos and interviews with many people to con
I wrote my memoir, after the first draft, I went back and sought
notes at all times, even if we had to use toilet paper. So when

I claim to be an old-fashioned classically-trained journalist,
old-time journalist because, sadly, some of the publications I
me at Fordham University, even before I went to the Graduate
School of Journalism at Columbia University. But I'm also an

She says, “because accuracy and fairness were drummed into
she was a reporter at Associated Press World Headquar
er at the age of 15, Flood clawed her way through her education

Flood was born in Saigon and brought to Washington, D.C., by
her foreign service officer stepfather and her tall, beautiful-to-

Tell us about the French landed

gentry side of your mother's

family.

Did you ever meet your maternal

grandmother?

When did you make the

connection between your life

story and Graham Greene's

fictional version of wartime Indochina?

There were two movies made of

Graham Greene's book?

What did it mean to you to

read your mother take her

first cigarette as she was saying

to you?

(1955 & 2002). What stood out for

you?

There were two movies made of

Graham Greene's novel?

What were you thinking when you

approached motherhood?

What were you thinking when you

not going to be like my parents.”

When people have a difficult

childhood, they generally say, “I'm

what do you think of as 'classical'
novels that you lived, as well as the

world after the war?

How was writing your memoir a

cathartic experience?

It's like you were in a Kafka story.

It's a miracle we lived.

That was the war.

It seems tame.

As you began to live a more

more sexually explicit world, it

have been startling, but in today's

world can you imagine a

family?

We can’t imagine a

family.

I think what I learned from a

was to try to imagine a

family.

if I could.

I had to do investigative work:

It was shut down.

paint plant was spewing sulphuric acid all over a small town in

York, how public high schools were giving students places and

seller. An excerpt can be read on her website.

The Unquiet Daughter was nominated for a National Book Crit

Sheldon.

Passionate and unflinchingly honest, The Unquiet Daughter is

a fascinating memoir that explores the tangled connections be

ween Graham Greene's fictional version of wartime Indochina

Danielle Flood's true story, The Unquiet Daughter, could

explore Graham Greene's novel?
INSIGHT & INSPIRATION:
1:59 min.

What did you like most about your mother?

EMPATHY:
1:16 min.

EMPATHY:
1:46 min.

In your book you describe the evolution of your feelings for your stepfather and your biological father. What are your feelings about each after finishing "The Unquiet Daughter?"

Your mother painted. Do you have any of her paintings?