

# TRAVELS WITH HILLARY

Raised in the midst of the civil war in Beirut, BBC reporter **Kim Ghattas** just spent four years circling the globe alongside peacemaker-in-chief Hillary Clinton. In her new book, *The Secretary*, she talks about witnessing history.



## Your job sounds amazing—what was it like following Hillary Clinton?

I'd wanted to be a journalist from the age of 13, but never in my wildest dreams did I think I would get to do this. We are a pool of 10 or so reporters; throughout each trip she'd come to the back of her plane and tell us the talks she'd had with leaders—things she won't share in public. She's so human: There are times you wonder if she's being a politician or a mother.

## Did you ever feel unsafe?

My mother asked that too—my family lived through 15 years of war! So I wasn't scared, but the travel was relentless. I ran on adrenaline: It's energizing being a part of the news.

## What was your favorite trip?

We went from Paris to Cairo to Tunis. It was this unbelievable moment of change: The uprising in Egypt had just concluded, there was revolution in Libya, and the tsunami put Japan underwater and created a nuclear crisis. Unlike most diplomacy where you work at it bit by bit, we could literally watch the officials rewriting foreign policy on that flight.

## What lessons stick with you?

Hillary is constantly evolving. She decided that her time as president was not meant to be, so she moved on and made the best of the next phase. Growing up in war, I can identify with this approach: Don't give up, and don't blame. Try to make it better. That's how you overcome and how you learn.



# Who's Reading Your Texts?

Could be the police, if some law-enforcement groups have their way. Right now, most cell-phone companies store records of your messages for a few days. But police want Congress to require providers to hold on to texts for at least two years.

The texts could aid investigations of crimes like cyberstalking. On the other hand, that's a lot of data that could contain a ton of personal info. Even messages you delete will be out there for a long time.

Your Senators are debating the issue as they update the seemingly ancient electronic-privacy laws. If you want to urge them to keep your SMSs on the QT, visit [DotRights.org](http://DotRights.org).

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# A Score for Women

America's female soccer players are the best in the world—but lately they've had to head overseas to show off their skills. That changes this month with the debut of the National Women's Soccer League in eight cities, including Boston and Chicago. Two previous leagues went broke, but this one has better prospects, as it's funded in part by the U.S. Soccer Federation. "Pro leagues not only allow women to play the game they love at the highest level, but they also give young girls something to work toward," says Julie Foudy, former captain of the Women's U.S. Soccer Team. Win-win.

