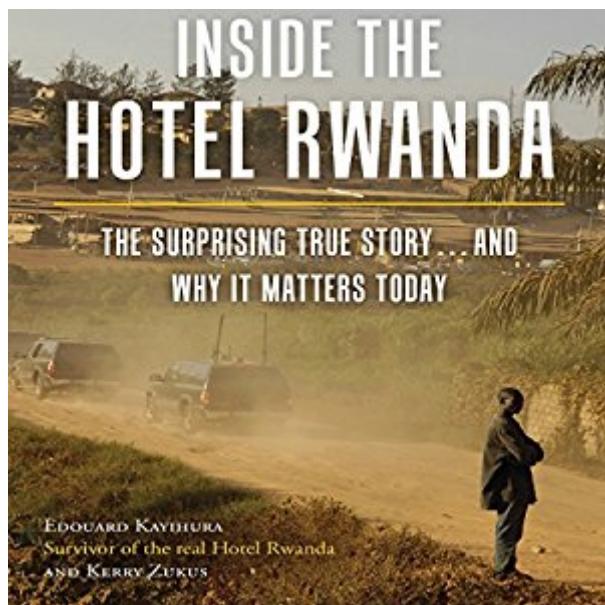


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Inside The Hotel Rwanda: The Surprising True Story...and Why It Matters Today



Synopsis

In 2004, the Academy Award-nominated movie Hotel Rwanda lionized hotel manager Paul Rusesabagina for single-handedly saving the lives of all who sought refuge in the Hotel des Mille Collines during Rwanda's genocide against the Tutsi in 1994. Because of the film, the real-life Rusesabagina has been compared to Oskar Schindler, but unbeknownst to the public, the hotel's refugees do not endorse Rusesabagina's version of the events. In the wake of Hotel Rwanda's international success, Rusesabagina is one of the most well-known Rwandans and now the smiling face of the very Hutu Power groups who drove the genocide. He is accused by the Rwandan prosecutor general of being a genocide negationist and funding the terrorist group Democratic Forces for the Liberation of Rwanda (FDLR). For the first time, learn what really happened inside the walls of Hotel des Mille Collines. In Inside the Hotel Rwanda, survivor Edouard Kayihura tells his own personal story of what life was really like during those harrowing days within the walls of that infamous hotel and offers the testimonies of others who survived there, from Hutu and Tutsi to UN peacekeepers. Kayihura writes of a divided society and his journey to the place he believed would be safe from slaughter. The book exposes the Hollywood hero of the film Hotel Rwanda, Paul Rusesabagina, as a profiteering and politically ambitious Hutu Power sympathizer who extorted money from those who sought refuge, threatening to send those who did not pay to the gÃ©nÃ©cidaires, despite pleas from the hotel's corporate ownership to stop. Inside the Hotel Rwanda is at once a memoir, a critical deconstruction of a heralded Hollywood movie alleged to be factual, and a political analysis aimed at exposing a falsely created hero using his fame to be a political force, spouting the same ethnic apartheid that caused the genocide two decades ago. Kayihura's Inside the Hotel Rwanda offers an honest and unflinching first-hand account of the reality of life inside the hotel, exposing the man who exploited refugees and shedding much-needed light on the plight of his victims.

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Customer Reviews

I like many readers have seen the movie 'Hotel Rwanda', and like most people in the audience, thought what moral courage Paul Rusesabagina exhibited. I had followed the genocide in Rwanda, as it was reported, while not only my nation but most of the Western nations did not speak out against it much less do anything to stop it. This was due to my following articles of reporters that were being published at the time, under the radar of our popular media. Many of Africa's tragedies can be attributed to divisive policies of the Colonial powers who always ruled by pitting native populations against each other, much as they did Ali in the Middle East. This book addresses some of the less than factual characterizations in the movie, showing Mr. Rusesabagina in a far less flattering light. We all need to be a little more skeptical of media created 'hero's'. The documentation in this book shows painfully why. Paul R. Has gone from the hero of the Rwandan Genocide to a Genocide denier suggesting, not obliquely that the Tutsi most likely killed themselves to blame the Hutu. It is today more important than ever to check the credentials of non-profits and individuals that state that they are assisting victims of violence. This book might open your eyes. I think of a particular scam for the care of Veterans in our country who couldn't even prove that 1/2 of one percent of the millions they collected even went to any American Veteran. If you are interested in history, you know how revisionist history goes: there is a virtual industry of Holocaust deniers, the Japanese Government still celebrates Officers who oversaw the Rape of Nanking, the Turks insist that Armenians weren't killed in mass numbers...ad infinitum. Kudos to the authors of this book for creating a dialog that actually represents some of the survivors. It is a shame that some of the real hero's of the Rwandan Genocide never receive their due... This book attempts to a dress that. Worthy read

In contrast to Hollywood, the real story behind the Milles Collines, and the pain and anguish of the survivors, who mostly remain nameless compared to the dastardly two-faced Rusebagina (sp), who tried to milk the situation and the desperate refugees of the genocide. A very compelling read,

Edouard Kayihura is a human rights activist and survivor of the genocide against the Tutsi in Rwanda, during which he was a refugee in the Hotel des Mille Collines (Hotel Rwanda). He was the first deputy prosecutor in the charge of the department of prosecutions of the crime of genocide and crimes against humanity before the Tribunal of the First Instance of Kigali. He speaks at schools and universities about his experience, Transitional Justice and Reconciliation, and genocide denial. He is aided in writing this book by Kerry Zukus. When will the world acknowledge the frequency of the act of genocide? It takes courage for a man like Kayihura to reveal the truths about that heinous massacre in 1994. What we have been lead to believe is that the hotel manager Paul Rusesabagina single-handedly saved the lives of all who sought refuge in the Hotel des Milles Collines during Rwanda's genocide against the Tutsi. But apparently Rusesabagina was a profiteering, politically ambitious Hutu Power sympathizer who extorted money from those who sought refuge, threatening to send those who did not pay to the genocidaires, despite pleas from the hotel's corporate ownership to stop. In this book we learn first hand exactly what went on - and for the faint of heart this is not an easy read. It is vitally important that this information be disseminated, but it will not restore the lives that were lost. Kayihura's book is a political analysis aimed at exposing a falsely created hero using his fame to be a political force, spouting the same ethnic apartheid that caused the genocide two decades ago. Grady Harp, April 14

Finally..The world will now get a chance to know what truly happened Inside the Hotel Rwanda. Rusesabagina's tale" was misleading, although thanks to it, Genocide Awareness was raised. Congratulations to the Authors!

I found this work, Inside the Hotel Rwanda by Edouard Kayihura and Kerry Zukus, to be one of the most brave, insightful, and enlightening memoirs of persecution and genocide in our lifetime. It is an honor to finally read an accurate and true depiction of the struggle of those who survived this heinous genocide inside the Hotel des Mille Collines; to finally hear the true story of the real heroes. I find myself utterly heartbroken for those survivors who's accounts are deemed secondary next to the fictitious Hollywood rendition of a cowardly man who has and still profits from the misery of the persecuted. As a historian, I can only hope and pray that these true accounts can take precedence in future history courses over the propaganda spread throughout the West by Rusesabagina and his political backers. This is more than a must-read. This book is truth!

Finally, a witness to history, a real genocide survivor tells the world what Paul Rusesabagina has

been masking and profiteering from. This is a book that tells all, from a real survivor and occupant of Hotel Milles Collines. In simple yet simple truth, Edouard Kayihura, tells all and tells the world that Rusesabagina was no hero, then and now. It is a must read.

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