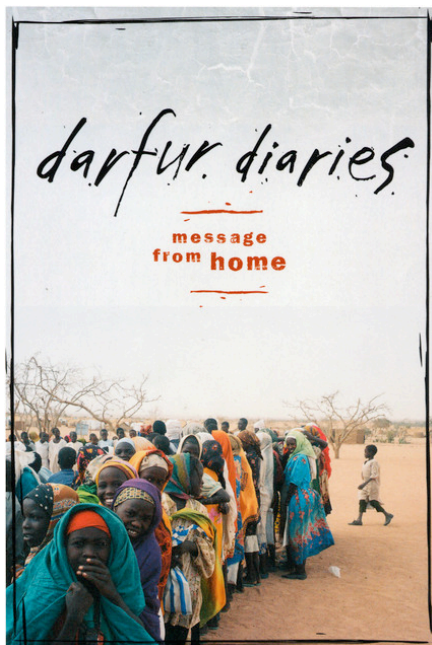


Darfur Diaries: Stories of Survival

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After years of oppression, the Sudanese Liberation Army in Darfur took up arms against the Sudanese government in February 2003. The government and allied militias answered the rebellion with mass murder, rape and the wholesale destruction of villages and livelihood. Two million people were displaced, 400,000 people killed.

In November 2004, Darfur three independent filmmakers traveled to Darfurian refugee camps in eastern Chad and crept across the border into Northern Darfur. Improvising as they went, they spoke with dozens of Darfurians, learning about their history, hopes, and fears, and the tragedy and resilience of their everyday lives.

Darfur Diaries achieves what the American media has failed to do; it forces us to care about the Darfurians' plight by allowing us to hear about their experience in their own words. By introducing us to a people with full lives, a rich culture and heritage, the authors demand that this time we not look away.

Praise for *Darfur Diaries*:

"In these hard times we must accept help from wherever we can find it. The dignity of the Darfurian people is such a help. It reminds us of who we are and what inner stability we might aspire to as humans, no matter our circumstance.

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I left the book and the film feeling a great deal more hope for us all." – **Alice Walker**, author of *The Color Purple*

"Read this book! It's the most fresh and engaging account of the Darfur tragedy yet to come out. It's also the funny, thoughtful story of three young Westerners who try and succeed against all obstacles in reaching the Darfurians and bringing back the story in all its utterly human complexity." – **Deborah Scroggins**, author of *Emma's War*

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