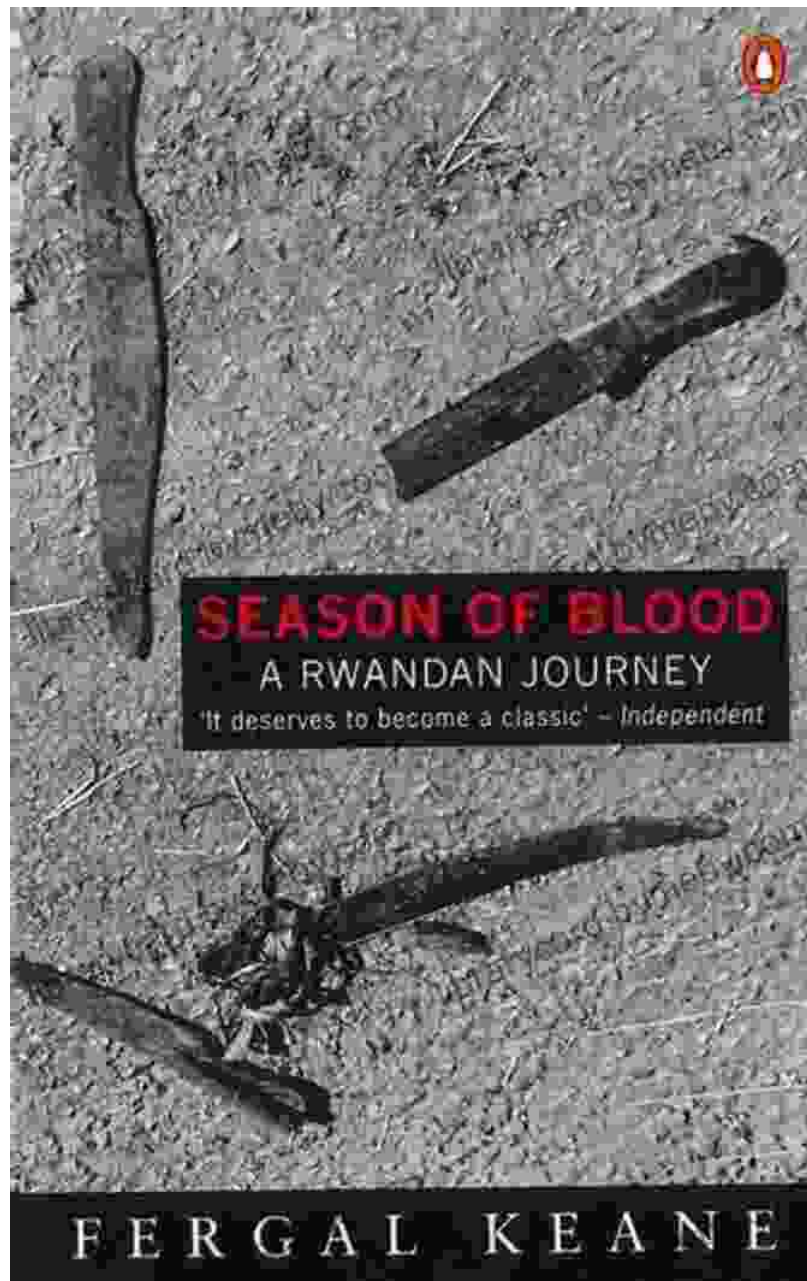
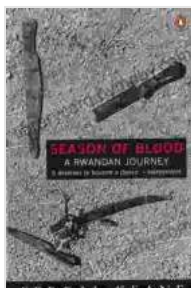


Prologue to Genocide: Season of Blood - A Gripping Account of Rwanda's Road to Tragedy



Season of Blood: Rwandan Journey, a haunting and deeply evocative memoir by journalist Fergal Keane, provides a chilling glimpse into the

events leading up to the Rwandan genocide of 1994, one of the darkest chapters in human history.



Season of Blood: A Rwandan Journey by Fergal Keane

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A Nation on the Brink

Keane arrived in Rwanda in October 1993, just nine months before the genocide erupted. The country was already teetering on the brink of chaos, torn apart by ethnic tensions between the Hutu and Tutsi communities. Keane witnessed firsthand the mounting violence and hatred that permeated every aspect of Rwandan society.

He describes the growing influence of extremist radio broadcasts, the inflammatory speeches of political leaders, and the chilling presence of militia checkpoints. The author's vivid prose paints a grim picture of a nation descending into madness.

Witness to a Tragedy

On April 6, 1994, the genocide erupted with unimaginable ferocity. Keane was there, witnessing the horrors unfold before his very eyes. In *Season of Blood*, he recounts the harrowing experiences of those caught in the

crossfire, from survivors who lost their families to perpetrators who succumbed to the depths of human evil.

Keane's raw and honest account is a powerful indictment of the international community's inaction during Rwanda's darkest hour. He vividly depicts the indifference and incompetence that allowed the killing to continue unchecked for months.

The Aftermath and Legacy

In the aftermath of the genocide, Rwanda was left a broken and traumatized nation. Keane documents the efforts to rebuild the country and confront the legacy of the past. He explores the role of the International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda (ICTR) in bringing perpetrators to justice and the challenges of reconciliation and forgiveness.

Season of Blood is not just a historical account; it is a haunting meditation on the nature of genocide and the human capacity for both good and evil. Keane's evocative writing and uncompromising honesty serve to illuminate one of the most tragic episodes in modern history.

Essential Reading for Understanding Rwanda

For anyone seeking to understand the Rwandan genocide and its enduring legacy, *Season of Blood* is essential reading. Keane's gripping narrative provides a raw and unvarnished account of a nation's descent into madness. It is a book that will stay with you long after you finish its last page.

Praise for Season of Blood

"A devastating account of a tragedy that should never have happened." -
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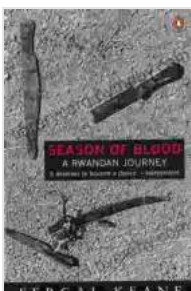
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"Keane's vivid prose and unflinching honesty make *Season of Blood* an essential read for anyone who wants to understand Rwanda's dark past." -
The Independent

About the Author

Fergal Keane is an award-winning journalist and author who has reported on some of the most challenging global conflicts. He is a former BBC correspondent in Southern Africa and has covered major events such as the Rwandan genocide, the war in the Democratic Republic of Congo, and the Arab Spring.

Keane's other books include *Three Men and a Boat*, *Road of Bones*, and *The Madness of Crowd*. He is a Fellow of the Royal Society of Literature and has received numerous awards for his journalism, including the Prix Bayeux-Calvados for war reporting.



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