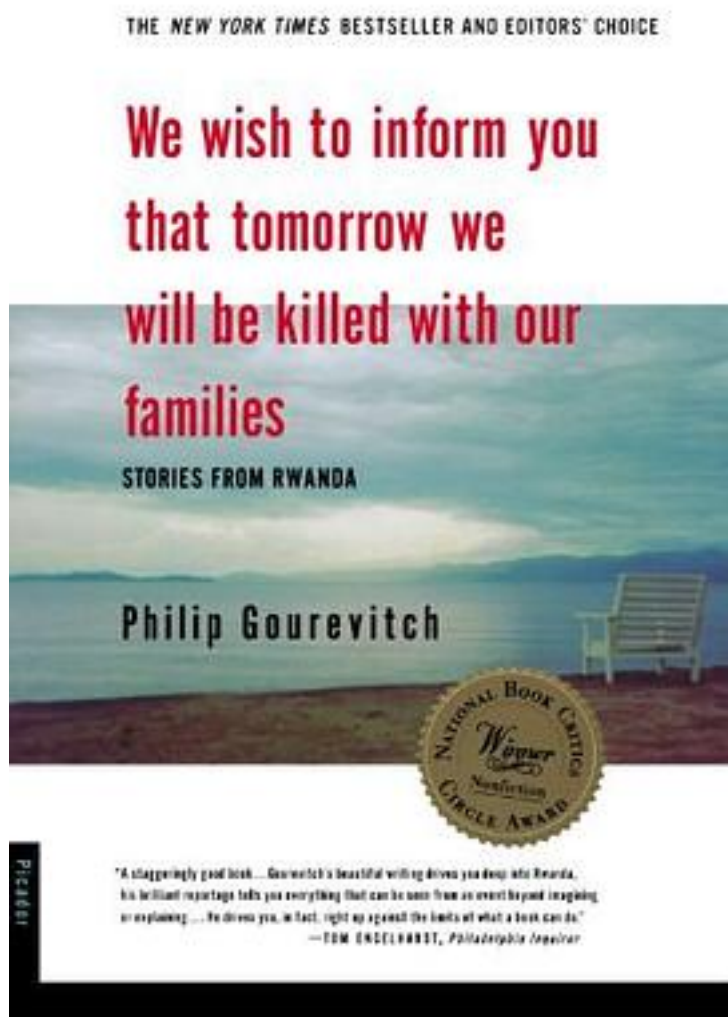


We Wish to Inform You That Tomorrow We Will be Killed With Our Families



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An unforgettable firsthand account of a people's response to genocide and what it tells us about humanity.

This remarkable debut book chronicles what has happened in Rwanda and neighboring states since 1994, when the Rwandan government called on everyone in the Hutu majority to murder everyone in the Tutsi minority. Though the killing was low-tech--largely by machete--it was carried out at shocking speed: some 800,000 people were exterminated in a hundred days. A Tutsi pastor, in a letter to his church president, a Hutu, used the chilling phrase that gives Philip Gourevitch his title.

With keen dramatic intensity, Gourevitch frames the genesis and horror of Rwanda's "genocidal logic" in the anguish of its aftermath: the mass displacements, the temptations of revenge and the quest for justice, the impossibly crowded prisons and refugee camps. Through intimate portraits of Rwandans in all walks of life, he focuses on the psychological and political challenges of survival and on how the new leaders of postcolonial Africa went to war in the Congo when resurgent genocidal forces threatened to overrun central Africa.

Can a country composed largely of perpetrators and victims create a cohesive national society? This moving contribution to the literature of witness tells us much about the struggle everywhere to forge sane, habitable political orders, and about the stubbornness of the human spirit in a world of extremity.

We Wish to Inform You That Tomorrow We Will Be Killed with Our Families is the winner of the National Book Critics Circle Award for Nonfiction.

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卢旺达大屠杀及aftermath，课程要求读了一半，但关键的问题都已经涉及了，例如西欧殖民者万恶的“种族科学”和分而治之的政策。作者文笔真好。

即使有共同的语言和文化，胁迫和煽动仍让无数普通民众如行尸般对图西亲友举起砍刀，学校和教堂沦为屠宰场。遗憾的是作者没法提供更多凶手的心理分析。胡图力量逃离卢旺达后留下被严重撕裂的社会。幸存者尚未走出心理阴影，国际社会却以人道主义之名救助鱼龙混杂的胡图流亡者(而在80万图西族被杀时反应冷淡)，难民营变成极端分子的肉盾，种族清洗引发第一次刚果战争。从殖民时期的种族主义荼毒到国际社会承认对大屠杀的无知和错误，卢旺达的独立之路走得过于血腥，虽然书以屠杀者的失败告终，但世界因此学到教训了吗 “We live in the flicker-may it last as long as the old earth keeps rolling!But darkness was here yesterday.”

This is the time for a pistol, not a bible.

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