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EmpfehlenswertVon NanaSehr gutes Buch von Pottier, der jahrelang in Ruanda und Umgebung geforscht hat.Ich habe mir das Buch fr Recherchen im Rahmen meiner Bachelor-Arbeit gekauft und bin sehr zufrieden. Pottier zeigt, wie in Ruanda Erinnerungspolitik betrieben wird und welchen Anteil westliche Regierungen und die Medienlandschaft daran haben. Empfehlenswert und gut zu lesen.

KurzbeschreibungThe tragic conflict in Rwanda and the Great Lakes in 19941996 attracted the horrified attention of the world's media. Journalists, diplomats and aid workers struggled to find a way to make sense of the bloodshed. Johan Pottier's troubling study shows that the post-genocide regime in Rwanda was able to impose a simple yet persuasive account of Central Africa's crises upon international commentators new to the region, and he explains the ideological underpinnings of this official narrative. He also provides a sobering analysis of the way in which this simple, persuasive, but fatally misleading analysis of the situation on the ground led to policy errors that exacerbated the original crisis. Professor Pottier has extensive field experience in the region, from before and after the genocide, and he has also worked among refugees in eastern Zaire.Pressestimmen' an important and courageous book, and well informed this analysis is essential reading for people interested in the area and in the role of the press in general'. Journal of African History'In this courageous and important book, Pottier succeeds admirably in reaffirming the necessity of scholarly analysis, as enshrined in the academic monograph, to provide the basis for well-balanced and historically informed analyses of major events Pottier provides us with an insightful description of the build-up and aftermath of Rwanda's tragic genocide and ensuing war chapter 5 is a brilliant example of how the detailed anthropological understandings of a culture as lived by ordinary people can provide the best basis for understanding and interpreting larger and more complex events and (mis)representations at regional, national, and international levels. This important book should be required reading for anyone - from foreign diplomats and politicians, journalists, aid and development workers to academics - committed to building a better Rwanda, and for anyone whose task requires an engagement with the Great Lakes Region of Central Africa.' Journal of the Royal Anthropological Institute'This is an important book on the political construction of knowledge it is essential reading for anyone interested in the conflicts of Central Africa, or complex humanitarian emergencies more generally.' African Affairsber das ProduktPottier shows how the post-genocide regime in Rwanda imposed their account of Central Africa's crises upon international commentators, and explains the ideological underpinnings of this official narrative. He examines how persuasive, but fatally misleading analysis of the situation on the ground led to policy errors that exacerbated the original crisis.