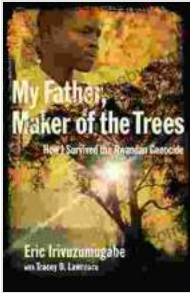


# How I Survived the Rwandan Genocide



## My Father, Maker of the Trees: How I Survived the Rwandan Genocide by Eric Irvuzumugabe

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## A Memoir of Resilience and Unwavering Spirit

### A Nightmare Unleashed

In the tranquil heart of Rwanda, a sinister storm brewed, ready to unleash its wrath upon a nation. I witnessed firsthand the horrors that unfolded as the flames of genocide consumed my beloved country.

As the machete-wielding mobs descended upon our village, my world crumbled into chaos. In a haze of terror and disbelief, I watched as neighbors turned against neighbors, friends became foes, and the very fabric of our society was torn apart.

### Enduring the Unthinkable

I found myself trapped in a labyrinth of fear, hunted by those who once claimed to be my protectors. Every moment was a struggle for survival, as I dodged bullets and narrowly escaped death's embrace.

Hunger gnawed at my body, and thirst parched my throat, but I refused to succumb to despair. The memory of my loved ones, their faces etched in my mind, fueled my determination to live.

### **Finding Refuge Amidst Despair**

After what felt like an eternity of torment, I stumbled upon a hidden sanctuary—a church that had become a refuge for the persecuted. Within its hallowed walls, I found a glimmer of hope amidst the darkness.

Together with other survivors, we forged an unbreakable bond, sharing stories of loss and survival. In the depths of our pain, we found strength and solace in each other's embrace.

### **Reclaiming My Life**

As the genocide subsided, I emerged from the shadows, broken but not defeated. The horrors I had witnessed left an indelible mark on my soul, but they also awakened a profound desire to rebuild my life and honor the memory of those I had lost.

I returned to my shattered community, determined to help heal the wounds inflicted upon my nation. I shared my story, speaking out against the injustices I had endured, and advocating for peace and reconciliation.

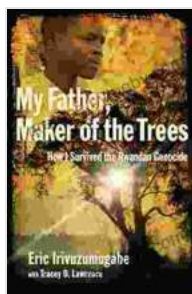
### **A Testament to Resilience**

In this memoir, I offer a raw and unfiltered account of my harrowing journey through the Rwandan genocide. It is a testament to the resilience of the

human spirit and the indomitable power of hope in the face of unimaginable adversity.

May this book serve as a reminder of the horrors that can arise when hatred and division are allowed to fester. And may it inspire us all to embrace compassion, empathy, and the unwavering belief that even in the darkest of times, the human spirit can prevail.

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