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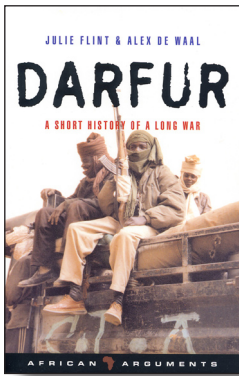
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Darfur

A Short History of a Long War

Julie Flint and Alex de Waal

Sudan's westernmost region, Darfur, sprang into notoriety early in 2004 when a war of hideous proportions unleashed what the United Nations called 'the world's worst humanitarian crisis'. For the last two years, the conflict has been simplified to pictures of sprawling refugee camps and lurid accounts of 'Arabs' murdering 'Africans.' Behind these images lies a complex story of a remote region of Africa. This book details the history of Darfur, its conflicts, and the designs on the region by the governments in Khartoum and Tripoli. It investigates the identity of the infamous 'Janjawiid' militia and the nature of the insurrection, charts the unfolding crisis and the international response, and concludes by asking what the future holds in store.

'The best introduction is 'Darfur: A Short History of a Long War' by Julie Flint and Alex de Waal. Both writers are intimately familiar with Darfur - Ms Flint reportedly came close to getting herself killed there when travelling with rebels in 2004 - and their accounts are as readable as they are tragic' - Nicholas D. Kristof in *'The New York Review of Books'*

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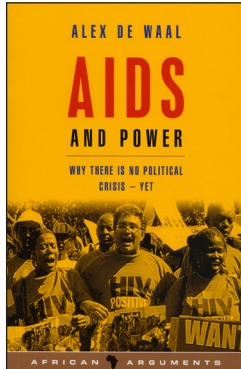
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Aids and Power

Why there is no political crisis – yet

Alex de Waal

One in six adults in sub-Saharan Africa will die in their prime of AIDS. It is a stunning cataclysm, plunging life expectancy to pre-modern levels and orphaning millions of children. Yet political trauma does not grip Africa. People living with AIDS are not rioting in the streets or overthrowing governments. In fact, democratic governance is spreading. Contrary to fearful predictions, the social fabric is not being ripped apart by bands of unsocialized orphan children.

AIDS and Power explains why social and political life in Africa goes on in a remarkably normal way, and how political leaders have successfully managed the AIDS epidemic so as to overcome any threats to their power. Partly because of pervasive denial, AIDS is not a political priority for electorates, and therefore not for democratic leaders either. AIDS activists have not directly challenged the political order, instead using international networks to promote a rights-based approach to tackling the

epidemic. African political systems have proven resilient in the face of AIDS's stresses, and rulers have learned to co-opt international AIDS efforts to their own political ends.

In contrast with these successes, African governments and international agencies have a sorry record of tackling the epidemic itself. *AIDS and Power* concludes without political incentives for HIV prevention, this failure will persist..

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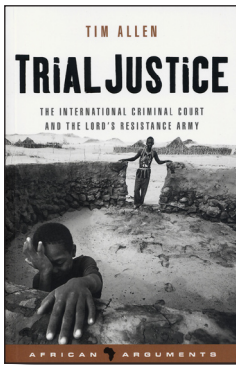
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Trial Justice

The International Criminal Court and the Lord's Resistance Army

Tim Allen

The International Criminal Court has run into serious problems with its first big case - the situation in northern Uganda. There is no doubt that appalling crimes have occurred here. Joseph Kony's Lord's Resistance Army have abducted thousands, many of them children, and have systematically tortured, raped, maimed and killed their victims. Nevertheless, the ICC has confronted outright hostility from a wide range of groups, including traditional leaders, representatives of the Catholic and Anglican Churches, and non-governmental organizations. Even the Ugandan government, which invited the ICC to become involved in 2003, has been expressing serious reservations. For many, the Court is spoiling the peace process and is making continued warfare and suffering more likely.

This book argues that much of the antipathy to the ICC is based upon ignorance and misconception. Drawing on field research in Uganda, it shows that victims are much more interested in punitive international justice than has been suggested, and that the ICC has made resolution of the war more likely.

'Trial Justice is a timely and important contribution to a critical--and often contentious--debate about the role of international criminal justice in times of war and peace.' - Eric Stover, author of *The Witnesses: War Crimes and the Promise of Justice in The Hague*, and University of California, Berkeley

'I enjoyed reading Tim Allen's book and learnt much from it...an excellent work'. - Judge Richard Goldstone

'Tim Allen has written a provocative and illuminating analysis of the emerging practice of a new and potentially significant player in international affairs: the ICC.' - Jenny Kuper, author, *Military Training and Children: Law, Policy & Practice* 2004

'An important and revealing account... Tim Allen has provided an early insight into the problems of resorting to the International Criminal Court in so challenging a circumstance. If the ICC cannot work to resolve a twenty year conflict with the lives of thousands of vulnerable young children at its core, when can it work?' - Jon Snow

'[Allen] is one of a handful of authors... whose writing is supported by a deep knowledge and clear understanding of both the social complexities and the political realities of the region.' - Joanna Quinn, Transitional Justice Forum

'A gripping and affirmative account of the complex encounter between international criminal law and African realities.' - Mary Kaldor

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