

Evoking Genocide

Scholars and Activists Describe
the Works That Shaped Their Lives



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Evoking Genocide compiles a wide selection of essays, all but two of them original to this book, written by leading scholars and activists in the field of genocide studies. These authors pay eloquent tribute to the works of art and media that influenced their engagement with genocide and crimes against humanity. The subjects include books and stories, films, songs, drawings, documents, monuments, sculptures, personal testimonies, and even a Lego set.

In an accessible and often deeply personal way, contributors explore their own relationships with the works in question. Edited by Adam Jones, recently selected one of “Fifty Key Thinkers” in Holocaust and genocide studies, *Evoking Genocide* makes an important contribution to the study of the art and culture of mass atrocity.

“*Evoking Genocide* comprises sixty brief essays, fascinatingly diverse, each deploying a particular textual or visual touchstone in an effort to reveal the author’s struggle to confront the ultimate crime. The best of them bring us powerfully close to the singular agony that comes from taking genocide seriously, from refusing to turn away from evil even if it is unfathomable.”

—Mia Farrow, advocate and actor

“Those who spend their lives studying genocide in order to prevent its recurrence are by definition a curious breed. These very personal and often moving essays reveal the disparate sources that have motivated otherwise ‘normal’ women and men to immerse themselves in trying to fathom the most egregious examples of man’s inhumanity to man (and yes, it’s mostly men). Readers may be surprised to find themselves wanting to join the cause.”

—Gerald Caplan, author of *The Betrayal of Africa*



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