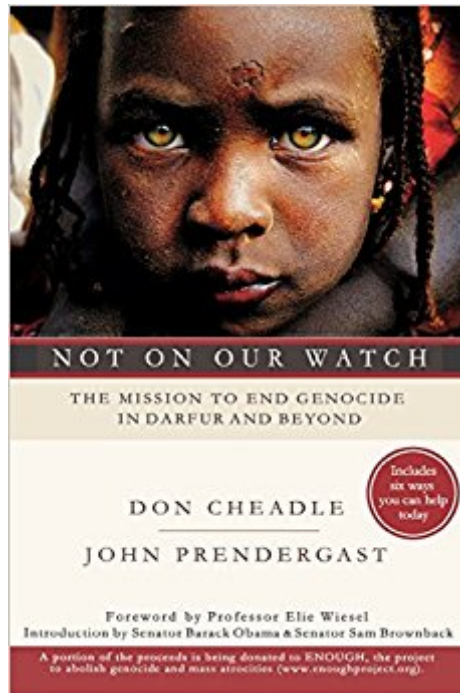


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Not On Our Watch: The Mission To End Genocide In Darfur And Beyond



Synopsis

An Academy Award-nominated actor and a renowned human rights activist team up to change the tragic course of history in the Sudan--with readers' help. While Don Cheadle was filming *Hotel Rwanda*, a new crisis had already erupted in Darfur, in nearby Sudan. In September 2004, then-Secretary of State Colin Powell termed the atrocities being committed there "genocide"--and yet two years later things have only gotten worse. 3.5 million Sudanese are going hungry, 2.5 million have been displaced by violence, and 400,000 have died in Darfur to date. Both shocked and energized by this ongoing tragedy, Cheadle teamed up with leading activist John Prendergast to focus the world's attention. *Not on Our Watch*, their empowering book, offers six strategies readers themselves can implement: Raise Awareness, Raise Funds, Write a Letter, Call for Divestment, Start an Organization, and Lobby the Government. Each of these small actions can make a huge difference in the fate of a nation, and a people--not only in Darfur, but in other crisis zones such as Somalia, Congo, and northern Uganda.

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Customer Reviews

Over the past five years, youth groups, religious organizations, politicians and individuals have responded to the crisis in Sudan in increased numbers. This book is a guide for these already involved, as well as those who are interested in taking action, or speaking out against the mass killings that continue to occur in the country's Darfur region. Coauthored by Cheadle, actor and star of the film *Hotel Rwanda*, and Prendergast, senior adviser of the International Crisis Group, the

book is a pastiche of practical information, instructions, memoir and history. As a handbook for budding activists, it's informative and, at times, inspiring. The combination of charts, lists and first-person accounts create a simple and reasonable path to action. But as a source for information about the conflict in Sudan, the book falters. The history is neither clear nor succinct, and there is not much of it. Furthermore, although Cheadle and Prendergast's personal anecdotes are entertaining, they overshadow the few anecdotes about the Sudanese living through the crisis. The book's most interesting moment, besides the useful advice on how to get involved, is its delving into the government's excuses for inaction. (May 1) Copyright © Reed Business Information, a division of Reed Elsevier Inc. All rights reserved.

Famous for his Academy Award-nominated performance in Hotel Rwanda, Cheadle teamed with human rights activist Prendergast to plead for greater awareness of the horrors of genocide in Darfur, Sudan, and issue a call to action. After a brief history of the tensions behind the genocide, Cheadle and Prendergast detail how they each got involved in the campaign to end genocide in Darfur. They offer profiles of individuals who have mounted efforts to end the genocide as well as suggestions for how all of us can get involved, including writing letters, joining activist organizations, raising funds and awareness, and lobbying the government. Vanessa Bush Copyright © American Library Association. All rights reserved

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"Not On Our Watch: The Mission to End Genocide in Darfur and Beyond" seeks to inform readers of the mass killings that continue to occur in and around Sudan's Darfur region, and also inspire people to step up and speak out in an effort to generate more attention to what is happening in this part of the world. Written by actor Don Cheadle and International Crisis Group advisor John Prendergast, the book contains personal accounts of both authors' trips to the Darfur area, as well as stories about the refugees they encountered during their travels. The book also explores the history of inaction by the United States during different instances of genocide in the past, discusses the ways that average citizens can help motivate the government to take more drastic action, and highlights individuals and organizations that have already begun to make a difference. I think it's great that Cheadle and so many other celebrities are using their star appeal to speak out against important causes like this one. "Not On Our Watch" is a good book because it breaks down the Darfur conflict in a way that's easy for people to understand, and also offers numerous suggestions

on how people can get involved with the cause. I think the book would be stronger if it included a more detailed history of the Sudanese conflict and more personal stories of the Darfurians who have been fighting for their lives. Still, this is a great book for people interested in learning more about what's really going on and who want to find out what they can do to help.

Outstanding book! I think many of us struggle to know how to help end the Genocide in Darfur. Many see this huge event and feel powerless. John and Don take us to task and give us real, practical advice to help end the Genocide in Darfur. They also connect us with so many wonderful stories of individuals doing incredible things in their own communities, helping prove their point. John writes this book to tell the narrative about Darfur, but does so in a readable way that can be understood by anyone. So many books are written by academics that quickly lose their audience. Here, interspersed throughout the book are diary entries from both John and Don that help us get the back story of their work as well as help us through the frustration of what they were doing. I was so moved and inspired by the fact that no matter how down Don got, he kept picking himself up, dusting himself off and got going again. I just saw him on the Late Show and low and behold...he was wearing those boots! I will certainly use this book in my Genocide Studies class this year and I strongly recommend others to read this book and then act to stop the Genocide and work to prevent Genocide in the future.

An extremely informative book that isn't for the person who wants to read a story with a happy ending. Hopefully that will be in a sequel, but this book documents the atrocities and the events leading up to them. It reads like a journal from both authors, even at the times when you are left feeling overwhelmed you should keep reading as you learn that silence doesn't aid the victims. There are suggestions for the reader who feels helpless yet wants to participate in the campaign to stop the genocide. It is important to read this and pass it on to others; my purchase led to others becoming involved in their own way. This book is not light reading, but I was impressed that people are working vigilantly for the greater good. Kudos to those who are working beyond their borders to bring about positive change.

Well now I know where Darfur is, not to mention Chad, Congo, Uganda, Kenya etc....this book does a pretty good job of explaining the conflict. But their main purpose is to get the reader to ACT. Which I am doing... if only to allay the deep sense of tragedy one gets from reading of the terror going on there...and here, as we turn our backs on the situation. At first I was put off by the seeming

light-heartedness of the authors but now I realize they, and you, as the reader, have to put up some kind of boundry in order to not be swept away by despair.

Absolutely critical book for everyone's collection. Well-written, concise, extremely informative, easy to read with a wealth of information. Also inspiring, I highly recommend.

There is so much information in this book. If this doesn't make you want to get involved, you may not have a pulse. Extremely interesting.

This book is very insightful and detailed with the atrocities taking place in the Darfur Region and is a must read for anyone wanting to get involved and read first hand accounts of the genocide taking place in Darfur.

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