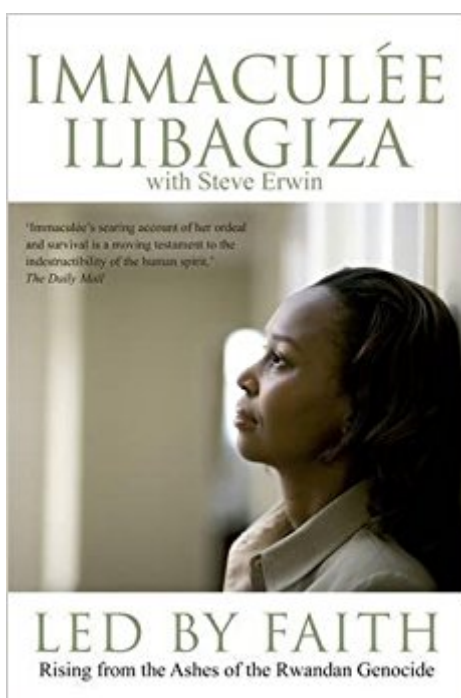


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Led By Faith: Rising From The Ashes Of The Rwandan Genocide (Left To Tell)



Synopsis

For three months in the spring of 1994, the African nation of Rwanda descended into one of the most vicious and bloody genocides the world has ever seen. Immaculée Ilibagiza, a young university student, miraculously survived the savage killing spree that left most of her family, friends, and a million of her fellow citizens dead. Immaculée's remarkable story of survival was documented in her first book, *Left to Tell: Discovering God Amidst the Rwandan Holocaust*. In *Led By Faith*, Immaculée takes us with her as her remarkable journey continues. Through her simple and eloquent voice, we experience her hardships and heartache as she struggles to survive and to find meaning and purpose in the aftermath of the holocaust. It is the story of a naive and vulnerable young woman, orphaned and alone, navigating through a bleak and dangerously hostile world with only an abiding faith in God to guide and protect her. Immaculée fends off sinister new predators, seeks out and comforts scores of children orphaned by the genocide, and searches for love and companionship in a land where hatred still flourishes. Then, fearing again for her safety as Rwanda's war-crime trials begin, Immaculée flees to America to begin a new chapter of her life as a refugee and immigrant—a stranger in a strange land. With the same courage and faith in God that led her through the darkness of genocide, Immaculée discovers a new life that was beyond her wildest dreams as a small girl in a tiny village in one of Africa's poorest countries. It is in the United States, her adopted country, where Immaculée can finally look back at all that has happened to her and truly understand why God spared her life . . . so that she would be left to tell her story to the world.

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Customer Reviews

Immaculee Ilibagiza was born in Rwanda and studied electronic and mechanical engineering at the National University. She lost most of her family during the 1994 genocide. Four years later, she emigrated to the United States and began working at the United Nations in New York City. She is now a full-time public speaker and writer. In 2007 she established the Left to Tell Charitable Fund, which helps support Rwandan orphans. Immaculee holds honorary doctoral degrees from The University of Notre Dame and Saint John's University, and was awarded The Mahatma Gandhi International Award for Reconciliation and Peace 2007. She is the author, with Steve Erwin, of LEFT TO TELL: Discovering God Amidst the Rwandan Holocaust.

I was most impressed by Immaculee Ilibagiza's story in "Left to Tell" of the Genocide in Rwanda and how she survived. I felt I needed to know more about her life and how she coped with the terrible aftermath what she had lived through, and how she got back to living a normal life again. So her later book "Led by Faith" filled in a lot of gaps I needed to know of how she coped with the terrible memories and loss of her loving family. I felt I shared her anxieties, and her faith as she worked through the continual existing problems in her life, I admired her generosity, where she helped members of her family, that were struggling and shared what she earned with the orphans. I was happy to see her marry a good man and have a couple of lovely children. I admire her faith in God, and wish I could be as strong. An inspiring story.

I bought this book as a sequel to Left to Tell, with the hope of gaining more insight into Imaculee's healing process. Led by Faith does not disappoint. Imaculee's spirituality and faith in God is good for all.

My husband really liked this. He is into these kinds of inspirational book. He recommends this one "Left to Tell ". And. "Led by Faith". Were incredible accounts of Rowanda tragedy and Immaculee's experience. I wish everyone could read them and realize how blessed we are to live in this country (USA).

I have friends, Canadians missionaries who left the country at the start of the genocide. They were

quite upset at how could people growing together and worshipping together could do such a thing. Immaculee speaks about it.....good people became possessed like. Her time of hiding became a time of purging, cleansing enlightenment. Only God's grace and forgiveness from the depth of each one's heart can solve the problems of hate. Immaculee was not afraid to say that this does not come easily but one must be opened to this grace of God and eventually the joy that comes from forgiveveless heals. I recommend this book to any one interested in discovering how God reveals himself lovingly in the worst conditions. Jesus is the Redeemer of mankind and he came to show us the way to live as children of the same Father.

The story of a survivor of the Rwandan genocide was inspiring, but sad. I knew of this great tragedy but never knew the details of this terrible war. I could not put the book down, reading it in just a few days. It was a page turner. I felt like she was sitting down across from me while drinking coffee. Very personable and a great read.

Wonderful book!

I had always wanted to read her first book, Left To Tell, but hadn't. When I saw this available, I decided to purchase it. It was very much worth it !! What an amazing story of faith, love and forgiveness. Helps a person put some of their own struggles and challenges in a different perspective. Thank you for writing your inspiring journey. May God's choicest blessings continue to be with you and your family !! Gail M.

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