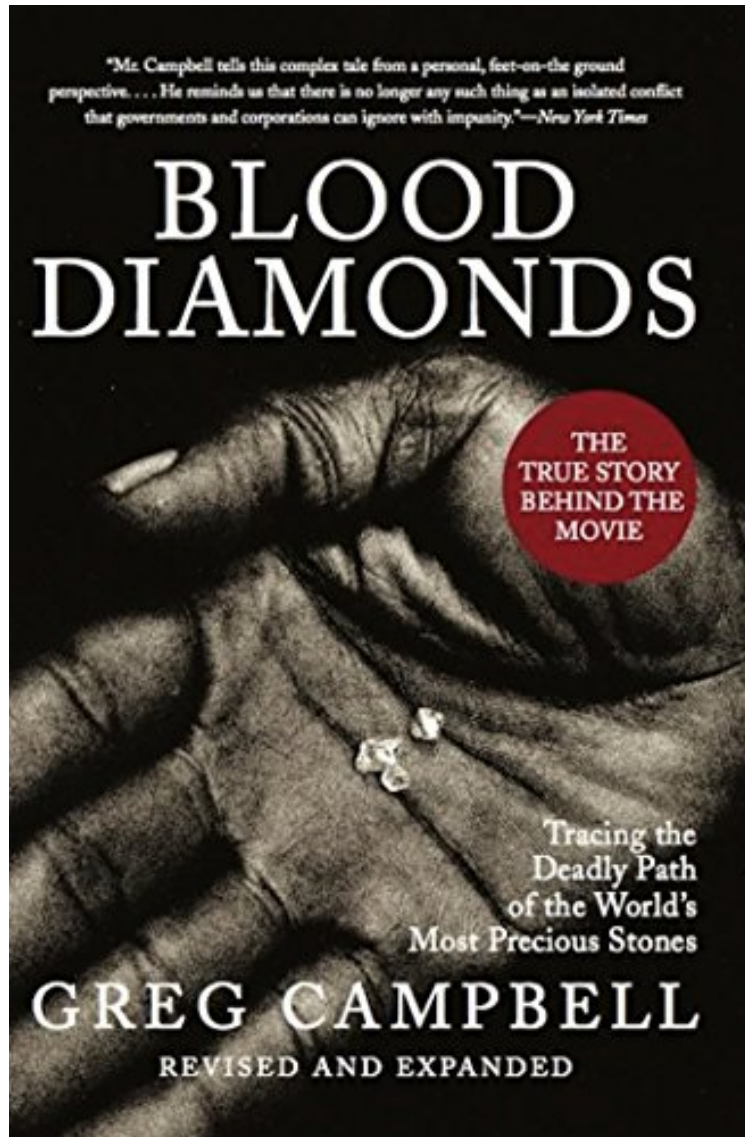


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before maybe start there. The way he writes weaves a tale of current events and history with the personal stories of the people he meets. In this book he has a strong start describing the war atrocities. Imagine a rebel group in the jungle headed by "General Mosquito" executing "Operation No Living Thing" by cutting off people's hands. But he does get somewhat mired in economic statistics. The descriptions of the mines and the process is excellent. Campbell saved the Best for last as he returns to the country after 10 years. He finds a ray of hope in a free school for children which is well worth waiting for. One of the best parts of reading Campbell is that he finds humor in the most desperate of situations. Hang in there for his description of a surgery in a rudimentary hospital without electricity. You have to laugh or you will cry. It's a good thing you saved the best for the end here Greg. I was skimming for a little while and was on the verge of giving you a 3/5. I gave you as 4/5 as you saved the best for last. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. A Must Read Book By J. Lavoie I just finished reading this book so I turned my computer on to review it. But before I did that, I checked my email. There, I had received a weekly newsletter from the human rights group HUMAN RIGHTS WATCH. The very first article was about how human rights abuses are going on in a particular mine in Zimbabwe, Africa. How ironic for me unknowingly... minutes away from writing a review on BLOOD DIAMONDS, having an email waiting for me about the said subject! I read the article and it is about what is going on in the book. Unfortunately, many gold and gem mines are located in the heart of the poorest of the poor countries...and they include many in Africa. I have been aware of diabolical people and government officials in this industry for many years. And because they can get away with corruption and are making money off of the poor (who are either slaves/in bondage with the company, as well as working child slaves), the government's military seems to think that they can get away with cruelties of slavery, rape, the cutting of limbs, breaking down the workers, as well as killing whom ever they chose. I love jewelry and wear it almost every day. But, I am very happy wearing a zirconia ring or a bracelet of colorful stones rather than supporting a long time corrupt industry that is making unlawful people richer, while those dredging for the gold in the mines are still the poorest of the poor. This book is a good read full of valuable knowledge you just won't forget. It is intense because there is a lot of content in it informing us of what is going on with corruption. You might not want to listen to me as I am a human rights advocate; so, do it for yourself. Read the book if you are a jewelry lover, if you are interested in human rights or just plain interested. Keep in mind that it is not just us in Western society supporting this bloody trade industry. Much money is made off of those wealthy in the Middle East, India, Asia and so on. (And I mean no disrespect to any persons wearing jewelry of good quality. I'm just trying to bring light to a tragic, unlawful industry.) I recommend this book due to all the content that is important for us to know about as consumers, as people who wear jewelry, for thousands of people's human rights, and for people who are just interested in an educational and dramatic read. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Bring the hammer down! By C. vonBlankenburg Well done story of the diamond racket as well as the abject failure of governments world wide to provide "HONEST," competent governance. I use construction tools with \$30.00 a carat diamond cutting blades. Every time I see a sucker with a diamond ring I laugh. They are wearing blood on their hands. Governments have some of this blood on their hands as well by allowing this racket to continue. Greg Campbell had a photographer along with him. I wonder where the photos went?

First discovered in 1930, the diamonds of Sierra Leone have funded one of the most savage rebel campaigns in modern history. These "blood diamonds" are smuggled out of West Africa and sold to legitimate diamond merchants in London, Antwerp, and New York, often with the complicity of the international diamond industry. Eventually, these very diamonds find their way into the rings and necklaces of brides and spouses the world over. Blood Diamonds is the gripping tale of how the diamond smuggling works, how the rebel war has effectively destroyed Sierra Leone and its people, and how the policies of the diamond industry - institutionalized in the 1880s by the De Beers cartel - have allowed it to happen. Award-winning journalist Greg Campbell traces the deadly trail of these diamonds, many of which are brought to the world market by fanatical enemies. These repercussions of diamond smuggling are felt far beyond the borders of the poor and war-ridden country of Sierra Leone, and the consequences of overlooking this African tragedy are both shockingly deadly and unquestionably global. Updated with a new epilogue.