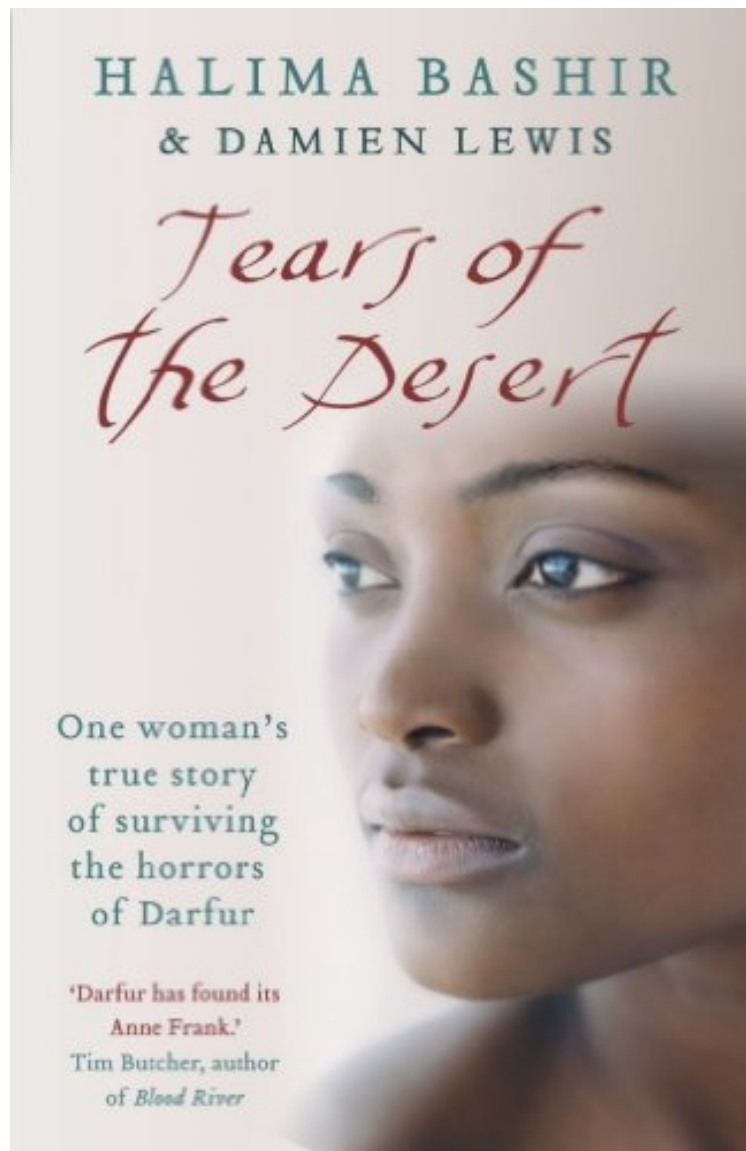


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Genocide in Darfur
Von Christiane Dr. Halima Bashir recounts the horrors of the genocide of the people of Darfur by the Khartoum government. Her childhood and youth were almost idyllic. Thanks to her progressive father, her upbringing was relatively free and unconstrained (though she had to suffer circumcision) in a loving family and a close-knit community. She excelled at school and was accepted at Khartoum university to study medicine. Her dreams of a bright future were shattered when the Arab 'National Islamic Front' government and its Janjaweed militias began to wage an unspeakably brutal war on the black Sudanese with the aim to purge the country of 'all un-Islamic thoughts, actions and peoples and turn it into a pure Islamic state ruled by Islamic shariah law'. A Muslim herself, she was nevertheless tortured and gang-raped, she witnessed the rape of small school-children by the Janjaweed, the destruction of her village, the murder of her father and the separation from her mother and siblings. Though in the end she was lucky enough to escape to the UK, millions of her fellow black Sudanese were not, they were either killed or displaced. Another instance where the world watches the slaughter of innocents without doing anything much about it. The writing is not particularly good and I wonder if village life in the black communities of Darfur before the genocide was really as near perfect as Dr. Bashir remembers it. She does condemn female circumcision but to this day believes in fakirs, spells and the evil eye, which surely must have wrought havoc with a lot of people's lives.

Kurzbeschreibung Halima Bashir was born into the remote western deserts of Sudan. She grew up in a wonderfully rich environment and later went on to study medicine. At the age of twenty-four she returned to her tribe and began practising as their first ever qualified doctor. But then a dark cloud descended upon her people... Janjaweed Arab militias began savagely assaulting her people. At first, Halima tried not to get involved. But in January 2004 they attacked people in her village. Halima treated the traumatised victims and was sickened by what she saw. She decided to speak out in a Sudanese newspaper and to the UN charities. Then the secret police came for her. For days Halima was interrogated and subjected to unspeakable torture. She finally escaped but the nightmare just seemed to follow her... This inspiring story tells of one woman's determination to survive and her passion to defend her people. For the first time, we can truly understand the personal horrors of Darfur from someone who lived through it. From Publishers Weekly Writing with BBC correspondent Lewis (Slave), Bashir, a physician and refugee living in London, offers a vivid personal portrait of life in the Darfur region of Sudan before the catastrophe. Doted on by her father, who bucked tradition to give his daughter an education, and feisty grandmother, who bequeathed a fierce independence, Bashir grew up in the vibrant culture of a close-knit Darfur village. (Its darker side emerges in her horrific account of undergoing a clitoridectomy at age eight.) She anticipated a bright future after medical school, but tensions between Sudan's Arab-dominated Islamist dictatorship and black African communities like her Zaghawa tribe finally exploded into conflict. The violence the author recounts is harrowing: the outspoken Bashir endured brutal gang-rapes by government soldiers, and her village was wiped out by marauding Arab horsemen and helicopter gunships. This is a vehement *cri de coeur* I wanted to fight and kill every Arab, to slaughter them, to drive them out of the country, the author thought upon treating girls who had been raped and mutilated but in showing what she suffered, and lost, Bashir makes it resonate. (Sept.) Copyright Reed Business Information, a division of Reed Elsevier Inc. All rights reserved. Pressestimmen Advance praise for Tears of the Desert This memoir helps keep the Darfur tragedy open as a wound not yet healed. Elie Wiesel, author of *Night* This is a brave book. And a valuable one. Halima's story of the atrocities and immeasurable losses she has endured must be told. The world continues to turn a deaf ear to the cries from the Darfur region, and our failure to protect this tortured population is a measure of who we are as a global community. Still, Halima leaves us with hope and awe in the face of her courage. Mia Farrow, actor and advocate Halima Bashir has bared her soul to help stop the bleeding of her people in Darfur. Attention must be paid. John Prendergast, co-chair of the ENOUGH Project and co-author of *Not on Our Watch: The Mission to End Genocide in Darfur and Beyond* A harrowing and beautifully written tale of a rich life, untold suffering, and impossible hope told from the heart of a fellow African sister. Read this as the tragedy that has overcome our long-suffering country, Sudan. Mende Nazer, author of *Slave* Halima's story is fantastic and exhausting, perhaps all the more so because I can see and hear and feel the people and places she describes. People need to be drawn into Darfur through stories like this, to cut through the statistics and the horror and to come back to the humanity to families, love, hope, and courage and the normality of life in such abnormal circumstances. Lisa French Blaker, author of *Heart of Darfur* The genocide in Darfur has found its Anne Frank. The slaughter inflicted on the African peoples of western Sudan is one of modern Africa's darkest episodes but one Darfuri woman, Halima Bashir, rips through diplomatic compromise and political double-speak to lay bare Darfur's ghastly reality. A searingly frank testimonial of a war crime that deserves all our attention. Tim Butcher, author of *Blood River: A Journey to Africa's Broken Heart* Bashir, a physician and refugee living in London, offers a vivid personal portrait of life in the Darfur region of Sudan before the catastrophe . . . This is a vehement *cri de coeur*, but in showing what she suffered, and lost, Bashir makes it resonate. Publishers Weekly