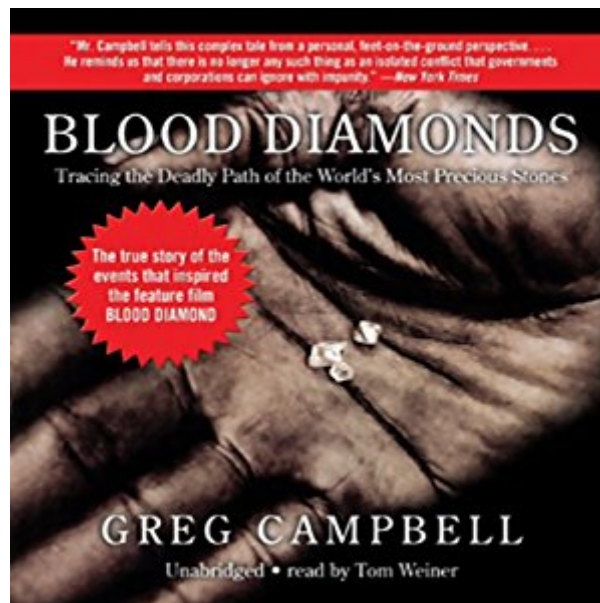




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Blood Diamonds: Tracing The Deadly Path Of The World's Most Precious Stones



Synopsis

The true story of the events that inspired the feature film Blood Diamonds starring Leonardo DiCaprio and Jennifer Connelly, in theaters Dec 8th. 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. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

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Customer Reviews

I love the way Greg Campbell writes. I picked up this book after reading American Pain which I loved. If you haven't read Campbell 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.

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.

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?

Great book explaining the role of conflict diamonds in different recent conflicts. Author writes about what the barriers of a peaceful community is, such as different rebel groups such as RUF, and how government employees profit from the illegal trade. Furthermore, Campbell reveals why it is so

difficult (impossible) to ensure that a diamond you purchase, does not origin from a conflict mine; here he mentions diamond industry lobbying and powerful monopolist De Beers. All in all: a great read.

This work took significant courage and skill to write. It may have biases and it does not explore the Government culture as much as one could hope for, but is an eye opening book. One wonder's where Campbell will travel next.

Arrived on time and reasonable pricing.

Excellent book that is very well written and very well researched. The author takes a very helpful and informative approach to explaining the history of these diamonds.

It is a good depiction of the kind of atrocities most african countries go through because of the greed of the global community.

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