



# A Peace of Africa:

## Reflections on Life in the Great Lakes Region

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Whether entering war zones, volunteering during elections, or working in a refugee camp, author David Zarembka insightfully explains the Great Lakes region of Africa with its warts and glory. *A Peace of Africa: Reflections on Life in the Great Lakes Region* is a book that explores life adventures on the ground through experiential knowledge and observations. Through personal experience with his Kenyan family, friends, and colleagues, Zarembka captures the essence of cultural and societal issues and skillfully deciphers the differences between African and American culture that frequently escape casual visitors and expatriates alike.

By weaving personal stories with historical narratives, *A Peace of Africa* explores how the Great Lakes region of Africa went from optimism at the time of independence to the conflict, corruption, wars, and genocide that have engulfed the region since then.

As a Quaker and a peacemaker, Zarembka has been deeply involved in Africa for more than forty-five years. Zarembka analyzes current situations and offers bold solutions to make the area prosperous. The book describes the successes of his peacemaking work there and gives an underlying rationale on how peace and reconciliation can be achieved in the Great Lakes region.



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