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an amazing survival story which can easily pass for a thriller in the field of fiction but it is true journalist hilton fyle packs his bags and heads back home to sierra leone after 20 years as a star broadcaster with the bbc in london england during which he became a household name in africa and most of the english speaking world his new challenge is to participate in the new democracy that the united states and its allies are planting in the country after 25 years of dictatorship and oppression unfortunately he gets a bad deal from the new democratic government of president tejan kabba his newspaper is forced to close after publishing a corruption story involving two cabinet ministers kabba is overthrown in may 1997 and is planning to return with military force but journalist hilton fyle uses his fm radio station to campaign for a peaceful return kabba does return with a bang his opponents are shot and burned alive on the streets of the capital fyle escapes instant death but he is beaten imprisoned tried and sent to death row awaiting execution the climax of it all is that he walks out of death row without the consent of the government or the prison authorities all this would not have happened he says if united nations peacemakers in sierra leone had not played a dirty game essay from the year 2004 in the subject african studies grade 1 3 75 university of cape town department of history faculty of humanities course africa colonial and post colonial encounters 5 entries in the bibliography language english abstract this work is an essay written for an undergraduate course in african history at the university of cape town south africa and deals with the social origins of the guerilla war in sierra leone sierra leone came to world attention in the 1990s when a catastrophic civil war linked to the diamond trade was reported globally this fleeting and particular interest however obscured two crucial processes in this small west african state on the one hand while the civil war was momentous brutal and affected all sierra leoneans it was also just one element in the long and faltering attempt to build a nation and state given the country s immensely problematic pre colonial and british colonial legacies on the other the aftermath of the war precipitated a huge international effort to construct a liberal peace with mixed results and thus made sierra leone a laboratory for post cold war interventions sierra leone examines 225 years of its history and fifty years of independence placing state society relations at the centre of an original and revealing investigation of those who have tried to rule or change sierra leone and its inhabitants and the responses engendered it interweaves the historical narrative with sketches of politicians anecdotes the landscape and environment and key turning points alongside theoretical and other comparisons with the rest of africa it is a new contribution to the debate for those who already know sierra leone and a solid point of entry for those who wish to know since the 1991 2002 civil conflict ended in sierra leone the country has failed to translate the accomplishments of women s involvement in bringing the war to an end into meaningful political empowerment this is in marked contrast to other post conflict countries which have increased the political participation of women in elected and appointed office increased the representation of women in leadership positions and enacted constitutional reforms promoting women s rights written by sierra leonean and africanist scholars and

experts from a broad range of disciplines this unique volume analyses the historical and contextual factors influencing women's political economic and social development in the country in drawing on a diverse array of case studies from health to education refugees to international donors the contradictions successes and challenges of women's lives in a post conflict environment are revealed making this an essential book for anyone involved in women and development this is an ethnography for undergraduate courses in peoples cultures of africa african development globalization gender and introduction to cultural anthropology this is for all levels of undergraduate anthropology this book contains ten chapters and constitutes an attempt to discuss some of the key areas of governance in the country this text posits three main arguments first that promoting democratic good governance in sierra leone is an imperative that should be embarked upon by any government if it is to ensure socioeconomic and political development on the one hand and peace and security on the other second that the process of promoting democratic good governance will not be an easy task and this is why any government should strive to be vigilant and extricate the country from dependence the fact remains that a successful good governance environment in sierra leone will depend on economic development third that governance should be not only enhanced through ensuring adequate capacity but also constantly monitored and it should be a permanent phenomenon the need to strengthen links between and among the government civil society and the private sector cannot be overemphasized this is necessary to ensure the dynamism that should characterize a good governance environment this environment should include a new sierra leonean psyche that of the interests of the state first anchored in attitudinal and behavioral change in this book the author also attempts to determine how far sierra leone has gone in its practice of democratic good governance and the challenges it is facing in trying to do so he also makes recommendations on how these challenges could be surmounted travel guide the small underdeveloped countries of africa seem to harbour all the flammable elements necessary to ignite civil wars and revolutions since 1991 the small west african country of sierra leone has been besieged by the revolutionary united front ruf a guerrilla group cum political party that implored a radical populist political agenda the cause of this conflict was the growth of systemic government corruption in the decades following the 1961 independence which ultimately led to a severe deterioration of the state governing capacity the contention over the control of the country's vast mineral wealth which includes diamonds as well as foreign interference notably from the liberian government with which the ruf reportedly traded diamonds for arms further fuelled the struggle the 1999 lomé peace accord brought about an end to the conflict ruf leadership changes and a cease fire agreement in 2000 followed by conflict resolution meetings between government ruf and un officials also contributed to a more peaceful situation in sierra leone this book explores the struggle facing the people of sierra leone in adopting to these new changes as well as the un's sponsored disarmament efforts and electoral support for the new government the hand that the united states has had in delivering humanitarian assistance to this country will be examined as well as the efforts made to try those guilty of crimes against humanity an eye witness account of the nigerian military intervention in the sierra leone crisis with a focus on the activities of the nigeria forces and cost of the operation to nigeria the author is a military strategist and analyst in 2002 as sierra leone prepared to announce the end of its brutal civil war the distinguished anthropologist poet and novelist michael jackson returned to the country where he had intermittently lived and worked as an ethnographer since 1969 while his initial concern was to help his old friend sewa bockarie s b marah a prominent figure in sierra leonean politics write his autobiography jackson's experiences during his stay led him to create a more complex work in sierra leone a beautifully rendered mosaic integrating s b s moving stories with personal reflections ethnographic digressions and meditations on history and violence though the revolutionary united front ruf ostensibly fought its war 1991 2002 against corrupt government the people of sierra leone were its victims by the time the war was over more than fifty thousand were dead thousands more had been maimed and over one million were displaced jackson relates the stories of political leaders and ordinary people trying to salvage their lives and livelihoods in the aftermath of cataclysmic violence combining these with his own knowledge of african folklore history and politics and with s b s bittersweet memories of his family's rich heritage his imprisonment as a political detainee and his position in several of sierra leone's post independence governments jackson has created a work of elegiac literary and philosophical power how is the slave trade remembered in west africa in a work that challenges recurring claims that africans felt and still feel no sense of moral responsibility concerning the sale of slaves rosaling shaw traces memories of the slave trade in temne speaking communities in sierra leone while the slave trading past is rarely remembered in explicit verbal accounts it is often made vividly present in such forms as rogue spirits ritual specialists

visions and the imagery of divination techniques drawing on extensive fieldwork and archival research shaw argues that memories of the slave trade have shaped and been reshaped by experiences of colonialism postcolonialism and the country's ten year rebel war thus money and commodities for instance are often linked to an invisible city of witches whose affluence was built on the theft of human lives these ritual and visionary memories make hitherto invisible realities manifest forming a prism through which past and present mutually configure each other the united nations presence in sierra leone has made that country a subject of international attention to an unprecedented degree once identified as a source of the new barbarism it has also become a proving ground for western interventions in the war against terrorism the conventional diplomatic approach to sierra leone's civil war is that it has been a contest between two clearly defined sides keen demonstrates this is not the case the various armed groups were fractured throughout the 1990s often colluded with one another and had little interest in bringing the war to an end this book is not only a comprehensive description and novel interpretation of events in sierra leone it represents a new and innovative approach to the study of war and third world development and politics generally researched with unusual sensitivity original in approach illuminating beyond its immediate geographical and theoretical referents and written in a style that is both carefully crafted and eminently accessible this is the work of a remarkably talented observer and scholar jane guyer editor of *Money Matters: Instability, Values and Social Payments in the Modern History of West African Communities* former president of the African Studies Association the world is currently quite aware of sierra leone and its predicament and it needs this well informed and beautifully written account of what makes the country so wonderful despite its woes ferme's work is truly transcendent capturing magnificently well some of the most important aspects of an otherwise difficult ethnographic case it is a truthful and honest piece of work based on a deep grasp of the ethnographer's craft paul richards author of *Fighting for the Rain Forest: War, Youth and Resources in Sierra Leone* ferme is a true master in the magic of things she gives the study of secrecy new impetus by examining its history relating that history not only to discourse but also to material conditions she brilliantly shows how for sierra leone societies the celebration of ambiguity has been a way to live with permanent danger from the long history of slavery through the present civil war peter geschiere author of *The Modernity of Witchcraft, Politics and the Occult in Postcolonial Africa* the underneath of things is a model of patience detailed observation and elegant writing a theoretically creative study that is keen to track and to disentangle the webs and flows of everyday life achille mbembe author of *On the Postcolony* this book addresses the gendered political authority in sierra leone a relatively unknown topic and looks at the part it plays in women's history political history political transformation in africa and global women's political leadership in this groundbreaking study of post conflict sierra leone lyn graybill examines the ways in which both religion and local tradition supported restorative justice initiatives such as the national truth and reconciliation commission trc and village level fambul tok ceremonies through her interviews with christian and muslim leaders of the inter religious council graybill uncovers a rich trove of perspectives about the meaning of reconciliation the role of acknowledgment and the significance of forgiveness through an abundance of polling data and her review of traditional practices among the various ethnic groups graybill also shows that these perspectives of religious leaders did not at all conflict with the opinions of the local population whose preferences for restorative justice over retributive justice were compatible with traditional values that prioritized reconciliation over punishment these local sentiments however were at odds with the international community's preference for retributive justice as embodied in the special court for sierra leone which ran concurrently with the trc graybill warns that with the dominance of the international criminal court in africa there are currently eighteen pending cases in eight countries local preferences may continue to be sidelined in favor of prosecutions she argues that the international community is risking the loss of its most valuable assets in post conflict peacebuilding by pushing aside religious and traditional values of reconciliation in favor of western legal norms this book offers a bold ground breaking epistemological critique of the dominant discourses on african conflicts based on a painstaking study of the ways in which the sierra leone civil war has been interpreted it considers how africa is constructed as a site of knowledge and the implications that this has for the continent and its people a history of colonial africa and of the african diaspora examining the experiences and identities of liberated africans in sierra leone scholars with knowledge of sierra leonean culture generally agree that the vibrancy of drama from sierra leone has not been recognised outside the country and is scarcely engaged by the intellectual community however the growing corpus of published sierra leonean literature would not be complete without the inclusion of plays the five plays in this volume are from some of the most recognisable dramatists in the country dele charley john kolosa kargbo julius

spencer tonie french and mohamed sheriff includes critical analysis by the editor the eleven year civil war in sierra leone from 1991 to 2002 was incomprehensibly brutal it is estimated that half of all female refugees were raped and many thousands were killed while the publicity surrounding sexual violence helped to create a general picture of women and girls as victims of the conflict there has been little effort to understand female soldiers involvement in and experience of the conflict female soldiers in sierra leone draws on interviews with 75 former female soldiers and over 20 local experts providing a rare perspective on both the civil war and post conflict development efforts in the country megan mackenzie argues that post conflict reconstruction is a highly gendered process demonstrating that a clear recognition and understanding of the roles and experiences of female soldiers are central to both understanding the conflict and to crafting effective policy for the future out of war draws on mariane c ferme s three decades of ethnographic engagements to examine the physical and psychological aftereffects of the harms of sierra leone s civil war ferme analyzes the relationship between violence trauma and the political imagination focusing on war times the different qualities of temporality arising from war she considers the persistence of precolonial and colonial figures of sovereignty re elaborated in the context of war and the circulation of rumors and neologisms that freeze in time collective anxieties linked to particular phases of the conflict or chronotopes beyond the expected traumas of war ferme explores the breaks in the intergenerational transmission of farming and hunting techniques and the lethal effects of remembering experienced traumas and forgetting local knowledge in the context of massive population displacements and humanitarian interventions this ethnography traces strategies of survival and material dwelling and the juridical creation of new figures of victimhood where colonial and postcolonial legacies are reinscribed in neoliberal projects of decentralization and individuation childhood deployed examines the reintegration of former child soldiers in sierra leone based on eighteen months of participant observer ethnographic fieldwork and ten years of follow up research the book argues that there is a fundamental disconnect between the western idea of the child soldier and the individual lived experiences of the child soldiers of sierra leone susan shepler contends that the reintegration of former child soldiers is a political process having to do with changing notions of childhood as one of the central structures of society for most westerners the tragedy of the idea of child soldier centers around perceptions of lost and violated innocence in contrast shepler finds that for most sierra leoneans the problem is not lost innocence but the horror of being separated from one s family and the resulting generational break in youth education further shepler argues that sierra leonean former child soldiers find themselves forced to strategically perform or refuse to perform as the child soldier western human rights initiatives expect in order to most effectively gain access to the resources available for their social reintegration the strategies don t always work in some cases shepler finds western human rights initiatives do more harm than good while this volume focuses on the well known case of child soldiers in sierra leone it speaks to the larger concerns of childhood studies with a detailed ethnography of people struggling over the situated meaning of the categories of childhood it offers an example of the cultural politics of childhood in action in which the very definition of childhood is at stake and an important site of political contestation this work looks at sierra leone its people and history other subjects are also covered to provide a general introduction to the country it is not intended for academic specialists and it is not an in depth study of the country it is written from the perspective of a layman or general reader who simply wants to know some important things about this west african country sierra leone is one of the oldest countries in africa and before it won independence in 1961 it was also one of the oldest colonies on the continent only two african countries won independence in 1961 both from the same colonial power great britain they were sierra leone on 27 april and tanganyika on 9 december the history of sierra leone is also one of the most tragic but sierra leone still is one of the most fascinating countries on the continent in spite of the horrendous tragedy it went through during the civil war in the 1990s the fact that it emerged intact from that brutal conflict is strong testimony to the resilience of the sierra leonean people against overwhelming odds which could have broken weaker souls this study examines from a materialist perspective the socio economic historical and political factors contributing to the political instability and underdevelopment of sierra leone tools of analysis from different methodological perspectives such as class and ethnicity are critically reviewed and utilized in the analysis and identification of colonial class formation the behavior of political groups and their economic bases the emphasis is on the dominant colonial social forces that shaped the evolution and development of the decolonization process including the formation of colonial social classes colonial state and the political relation that developed the first in a series of inside histories peacekeeping in sierra leone relates how a small country one insignificant in the strategic considerations of the world

powers propelled the united nations to center stage in a crisis that called its very authority into serious question and how the un mission in sierra leone was transformed from its nadir into what is now widely considered one of the most successful peacekeeping missions in un history moments and the reasoning behind strategic decisions she also captures unamsil s internal struggle as it fought to regain some honor after the may 2000 crisis when the un had to rely on the infamous charles taylor to broker the release of 500 peacekeeper hostages unamsil mission but also reflects on its meaning for current and future peace operations in africa and beyond sierra leone came to world attention in the 1990s when a catastrophic civil war linked to the diamond trade was reported globally this fleeting and particular interest however obscured two crucial processes in this small west african state on the one hand while the civil war was momentous brutal and affected all sierra leoneans it was also just one element in the long and faltering attempt to build a nation and state given the country s immensely problematic pre colonial and british colonial legacies on the other the aftermath of the war precipitated a huge international effort to construct a liberal peace with mixed results and thus made sierra leone a laboratory for post cold war interventions sierra leone examines 225 years of its history and fifty years of independence placing state society relations at the centre of an original and revealing investigation of those who have tried to rule or change sierra leone and its inhabitants and the responses engendered it interweaves the historical narrative with sketches of politicians anecdotes the landscape and environment and key turning points alongside theoretical and other comparisons with the rest of africa it is a new contribution to the debate for those who already know sierra leone and a solid point of entry for those who wish to know wise interprets the history of the krio from their earliest days as a collective entity to the present charting their rise and decline as a political force and examining the characteristic ethos of the people as expressed in their social economic and above all educational aspirations andrew dorman introduces sierra leone as blair s second great military adventure after kosovo and the first he undertook on his own it is tied to blair s 1999 chicago speech on the doctrine of the international community his move towards humanitarianism and the impact of the kosovo experience the book links this move with the rise of cosmopolitan militaries and the increasing involvement of western forces in humanitarian operations and their impact on the international system furthermore it places it within the context of defence transformation and the emerging western expeditionary capabilities in particular the european union s new battle group concept and developments in concepts such as network centric warfare and networked enabled capability examining the whole campaign and considering the impact on the blair government this book will prove to be a key reader on the topic in an age when men have come to believe that their destinies can be determined by human actions rather than by fate the question looms large of what a leader can do to fulfill the aspirations of those looking for guidance since the political arena is one involving the use of power the position of the political leader in particular has become the focus for men s hopes and fears this book is a case study of the effect that different forms of political leadership can have upon the shaping of a single state it focuses upon two successive prime ministers of the small west african state of sierra leone sir milton margai and his younger brother sir albert margai by examining their dealings with local political units their handling of ethnic and regional conflicts their attitude of change and their relations with major economic forces the author assesses why both leaders had such different measures of success with their divergent political policies the major findings of this study are that the method that a leader chooses to accomplish his goals can be important to their realisation as the choice of goals themselves and that a leader may find himself committed to a particular course through simply pursuing a line of least resistance fighting for the rain forest explores the roots of the civil war in sierra leone and its manifestations in the forests amongst the country s youth

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