

BLOOD ON THE STONE
Greed, Corruption and War in the Global Diamond Trade

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Africa's diamond wars took four million lives and crippled the economies of Angola, DR Congo, Liberia, and Sierra Leone. *Blood on the Stone* tells the story of how diamonds came to be so dangerous. It describes the history of the great diamond cartel and how it gradually lost control of the precious mineral, as country after country descended into anarchy and wars fuelled by diamonds. The book describes the diamond pipeline, from war-torn Africa to the glittering showrooms of Paris, London, and New York. It describes the campaign that began in 1999 and which eventually forced the diamond industry and more than 50 governments to create a global certification system known as the Kimberley Process, aimed at wringing blood diamonds out of the retail trade. *Blood on the Stone* is about the cartel, the warlords, the gun runners and the shadowy traders who populated Africa's bloody diamond wars, and a faltering, decade-long effort to clean up an entire industry.

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