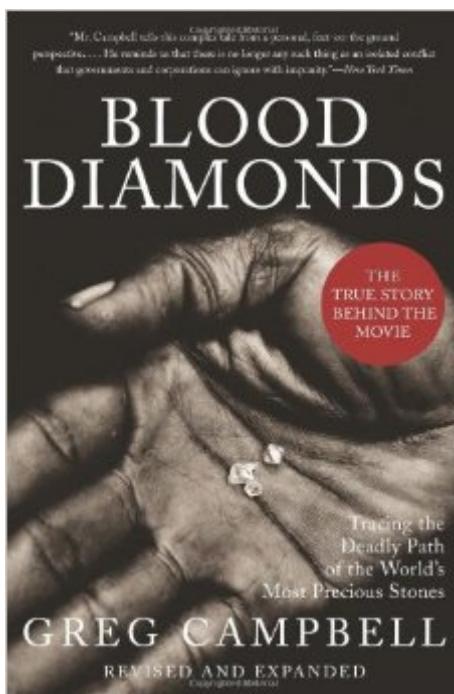


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First discovered in 1930, the diamonds of Sierra Leone have funded one of the most savage rebel campaigns in modern history. These "blood diamonds" are smuggled out of West Africa and sold to legitimate diamond merchants in London, Antwerp, and New York, often with the complicity of the international diamond industry. Eventually, these very diamonds find their way into the rings and necklaces and brides and spouses the world over. *Blood Diamonds* is the gripping tale of how diamond smuggling works, how the rebel war has effectively destroyed Sierra Leone and its people, and how the policies of the diamonds industry have been institutionalized in the 1880s by the De Beers cartel and have allowed it to happen. Award-winning journalist Greg Campbell traces the deadly trail of these diamonds, many of which are brought to the world market by fanatical enemies. These repercussions of diamond smuggling are felt far beyond the borders of the poor and war-ridden country of Sierra Leone, and the consequences of overlooking this African tragedy are both shockingly deadly and unquestionably global. In this newly revised and expanded edition, investigative journalist Greg Campbell returns to West Africa ten years later to reveal how despite widespread exposure to the corruption and greed of the diamond trade, it continues unabated as the region struggles politically, ecologically, and economically.

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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.

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