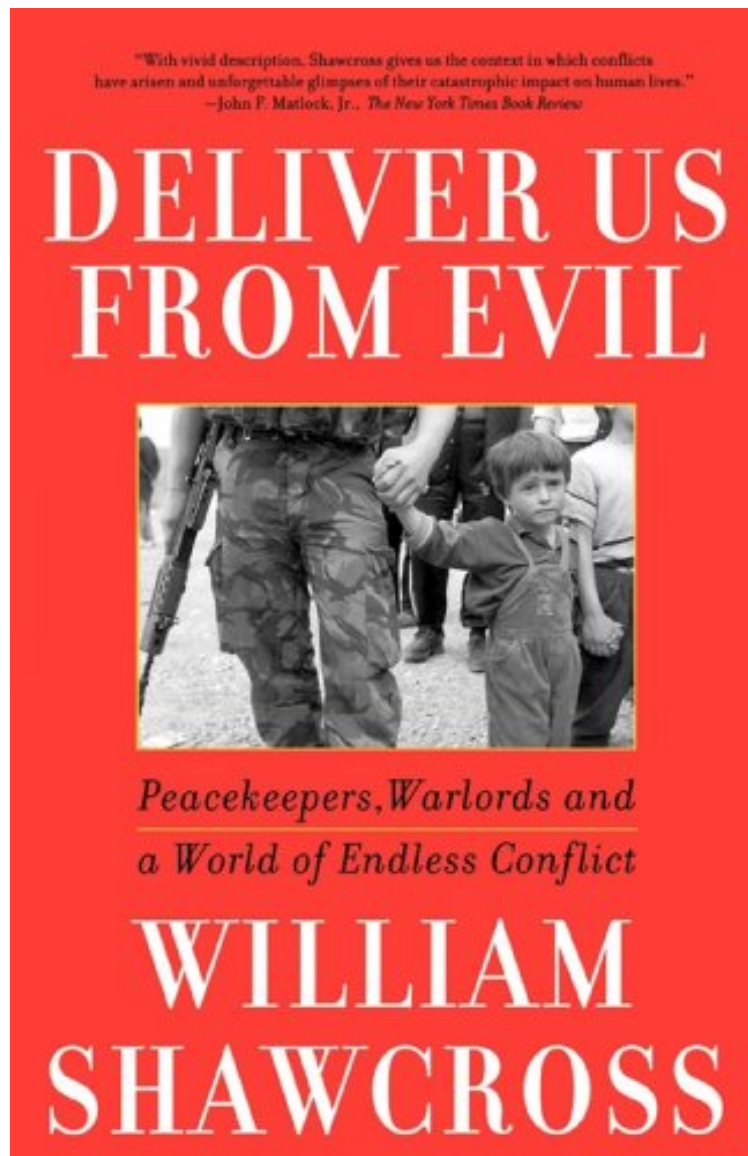


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**Von William Shawcross : Deliver Us From Evil: Peacekeepers, Warlords and a World of Endless Conflict (English Edition)** before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Deliver Us From Evil: Peacekeepers, Warlords and a World of Endless Conflict (English Edition):

KundenrezensionenHilfreichste Kundenrezensionen0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Who can deliver us from evil? Von Ein Kunde Shawcross has done a magnificent job in explaining several of the small wars that erupted after the end of the Cold War. He also does a good job of detailing the UN response, often not enough and too late. In the age of relative stability in Europe (no western country is really threatened by another military power) and American super power the name of the game for politicians and military officers alike is foreign intervention or peacekeeping/peacemaking. Shawcross' book serves as a commentary on the last decade of the 20th century and the international efforts to halt genocide and oppression. Shawcross' summary is not a kind one. Shawcross explores and details the, mostly, failures of the UN and the international community. The UN led great efforts for democratic change in Sierra Leone and Cambodia in 1996. The two countries have once again degenerated into civil war and government oppression. Along the way Shawcross also gives the reader some interesting hints and ideas on how one could possibly solve conflicts in the future. One example would be Shawcross' rave review of the South African mercenary company "Executive Outcomes" in Sierra Leone. Perhaps private armies could help with peacekeeping in the future? All in all, Deliver Us From Evil gives a sobering view of peacekeeping and international intervention. It is not as easy as it looks! Although the book is almost six months old now the events and wars described are once again making the news. The RUF guerilla are moving again in Sierra Leone, and NATO troops are squaring off with disgruntled Serbs and Albanians in Kosovo. After reading this book, you will have a much larger interest in, and a much larger understanding of, the pictures of war and famine flickering by on the TV screen! Just one minus: The publishing company should have included some maps on the areas that Shawcross writes about. It is somewhat time consuming to always run to the atlas to try to find the village Srebrenica in Bosnia! A must read for anyone who has a sincere interest in foreign policy and the international community! 0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. A Close Examination of UN Peacekeeping Forces Von David Isenberg A Close Examination of UN Peacekeeping Forces By David Isenberg Stars and Stripes Contributing Writer Deliver Us From Evil: Peacekeepers, Warlords and a World of Endless Conflict, William Shawcross, Simon Schuster, 413pp. After reading this book nobody will ever again be able to contemplate a call to deploy United Nations peacekeepers without gagging. After I read it I was reminded of the saying that one is either part of the problem or part of the solution. For years people have assumed that when it came to peace and conflict issues in general and peacekeeping in specific that the United Nations was part of the solution. Perhaps it's time to change our minds. The Bible may say "Blessed are the peacemakers" but UN peacekeepers, unfortunately, are not. In this book William Shawcross, longtime British journalist and veteran of many war zones, has written a dispassionate account of most of the major conflicts the UN has been involved in. The first part is a detailed, and at times dizzying history of UN involvement in the killing zones whose names we have seen so many times in the news: Cambodia, Somalia, Rwanda, Bosnia, Kosovo, Sierra Leone, East Timor, Chechnya, and Iraq. He analyzes, in great detail, the few, partial, tentative successes that UN Blue Helmets, such as UNTAC in Cambodia, and the far too many failures such as Rwanda, Somalia, and Sierra Leone. The second part is a review, as seen by UN Secretary General Kofi Annan with whom Shawcross has obviously spent a great deal of time with, of the politics and diplomacy that occurred in the amorphous creature called the "international community," especially those nations that are members of the UN Security Council. Sometimes it is hard to know which is worse; reading the accounts of the various atrocities perpetrated by the warlords and thugs posing as national leaders, i.e., Saddam Hussein, Slobodan Milosevich, Foday Sankoh, Laurent Kabilah, or reading about the petty intrigues and bickering among the leaders of the Western governments and in the UN Secretariat. Reading this book is like driving by a traffic accident; you are horrified by what you see but you can't keep from looking. The accounts of the enormous pressures encountered by Kofi Annan in trying to secure pledges of funds personnel, and approval for peacekeeping operations, and the obstacles encountered by UN peacekeepers from the forces who oppose their deployment, makes one appreciate that, unlike the Cold War era, there is no longer any peace to keep and precious little will to make peace. At a time when UN forces are being captured by the hundreds by rebels in a heart of darkness like Sierra Leone one realizes that if UN peacekeeping operations could be symbolized by a car it would be the Edsel. Though Shawcross is obviously sympathetic to the idea of UN peacekeeping he is too much the dispassionate observer to believe that current "humanitarian" interventions are a model to follow in the future. His last words are "In a more religious time it was only God whom we asked to deliver us from evil. Now we call upon our own man-made institutions for such deliverance. That is sometimes to ask for miracles." 0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Warlords and Peacekeepers in an Epic Battle Von Prauge Traveler This book more than adequately explores the utility of international intervention from the mid sixties to the near present. Shawcross makes a point of the difference between our desire to end ethnic war and starvation and our willingness to risk the lives of our own military. This dilemma is at the heart of most peacekeeping missions. I was amazed to learn that the numbers of troops promised rarely ever show up on time- if ever! Equipment is also often lacking. The collective attention span of our society is also part of the problem. Simply taking a crisis and making it a 15 minute phenomenon to be quickly forgotten when the press gets old will not create a long term solution. More commitment on the behalf of our politicians, and ourselves will be required in the future. Perhaps most frightening is a thesis that slowly emerges which would indicate that sometimes a happy ending is not possible, that evil will occasionally triumph despite our best efforts and that in some situations our best

efforts will only serve to prolong a conflict. These and more are some of the issues that Shawcross covers by taking the reader to multiple real world situations that most of us have heard something (but not enough) about. The chapters on Africa's wars were very revealing of the extent that our views can be shaded by the light that the media casts on them. While I knew that there were and are conflicts there, I had no idea of their extent and ruthlessness; almost to an extreme that makes the Balkans seem mild. One criticism of this book is that I have been able to keep a distance from the events that it describes. Some books have the ability to hit you in the stomach with meaning and this falls just short. However, when taken in combination with other recent books on modern history, Shawcross has made an invaluable contribution. "My War Gone By I Miss It So" is a book would make an excellent companion to this one, as would "Black Hawk Down" and "The Coming Anarchy". After reading "Deliver us from Evil", my respect has been increased for those individuals in the UN who give their careers and lives up to a higher ideal of peace. Kofi Annan is now a name that means much more to me. He is a man who deserves all of our thanks. The lesson that this book has to offer can be summed up by Edmund Burke, who is quoted at the beginning: "The only thing necessary for the triumph of evil is for good men to do nothing."

Kurzbeschreibung Reporting from war zones around the globe, acclaimed journalist William Shawcross gives us an unforgettable portrait of a dangerous world and of the brave men and women, ordinary and extraordinary, who risk their lives to make and keep the peace. The end of the Cold War was followed by a decade of regional and ethnic wars, massacres and forced exiles, and by constant calls for America to lead the international community as chief peace-keeper. The efforts of that community -- identified with the United Nations but often dominated by the world's wealthy nations -- have had mixed results. In Africa, the West is accused of indifference or too little, too late. In Cambodia, the UN presides over free elections, but the results are overridden. In Iraq, Saddam Hussein continues to defy the UN, and in Bosnia and Kosovo, the West acts hesitantly after terrible slaughter and ethnic cleansing. Shawcross, a veteran of many war zones, has had broad access to global policymakers, including UN secretary general Kofi Annan, high American diplomats, peacekeepers and humanitarian-aid professionals. He has traveled with them to some of the world's most horrifying killing fields. Deliver Us from Evil is his stark, on-the-ground report on the many crises faced by the international community and its servants as they struggle to respond around the world. He brings home the price many have paid attempting to restore peace and help alleviate terrible suffering. He illuminates the risks we face in a complex and dangerous world. Some critics have concluded that some interventions may prolong conflict and create further casualties. The lesson we learn from ruthless and vengeful warlords the world over is that goodwill without strength can make things worse. Shawcross argues that recent interventions -- in Kosovo and East Timor, for example -- provide reason for concern as well as hope. Still, the unmistakable message of the past decade is that we cannot intervene everywhere, that not every wrong can be righted merely because the international community desires it, or because we wish to remove images of suffering from our television screens. Nor can we necessarily rebuild failed states in our image. When we intervene, we must be certain of our objectives, sure of popular support and willing to expend the necessary resources -- even lives. If our interventions are to be effective and humane, they must last for more than the fifteen minutes of attention that the media accord to each succeeding crisis. That is a tall order. As Shawcross concludes, "In a more religious time it was only God whom we asked to deliver us from evil. Now we call upon our own man-made institutions for such deliverance. That is sometimes to ask for miracles." deWar kills but so can peace. The notion of peace is as ancient as its martial adversary but behind its gentle faade can lurk a deceptively difficult sibling. Experienced foreign correspondent William Shawcross cut his teeth with Sideshow, a corrosive dismantling of the Nixon administration's policy in Cambodia. Deliver Us From Evil sees him travel to a clutch of ragged corners of the globe--Bosnia, Kosovo, Cambodia, Sierre Leone, Rwanda, Nigeria, Afghanistan--each with individual circumstances, but all with similarly devastating results. The world may be post-Cold War but it still combusts with ferocious ease and light arms account for far more lives than heavy artillery. At the book's fast-beating heart is a frustrating dichotomy: that humanitarian relief is a frequent and increasingly complicated response that can often hinder recovery, and too often equip the oppressors. An earnest desire for conflict resolution can ignore the fact that cessation of war is only the start; as General Romeo Ballaire puts it, "Peacekeeping cannot be an end in itself--it merely buys time". The most optimistic passages here are when Shawcross travels with Kofi Annan, secretary general of the United Nations, an exceptionally sanguine and wise man trying to hold together an organisation which is less than its constituent parts, and bankrupt to boot. In the labyrinthine world of international diplomacy, thousands of miles are covered to advance an inch and egos are massaged relentlessly by hands that would perhaps rather break bones. Shawcross, part of a growing breed of dedicated inquisitors that includes Michael Ignatieff, Tim Judah and Fergal Keane, is not afraid to ask complicated questions to which there are as yet no adequate formulated responses. His valuable and vivid survey of a decade of human brutality, and the peacekeepers that stand against it, shows that "the road to hell can be paved in good intentions" but it need not prove a cul-de-sac. --David

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