

**Blood on the Stone**

Greed, Corruption and War in the Global Diamond Trade

*Ian Smillie***Pub Date:** August 2010**Binding:** Hardback**Price:** £60 / \$90**ISBN:** 9780857289797**Category:** HISTORY / Africa / General**BISAC code:** HIS001000**BIC code:** HBJH**Extent:** 252 pages**Size:** 216 x 140mm / 8.5 x 5.5**Rights Held:** World**Description**

A gripping account of the cartel, warlords, gun runners and shadowy traders who populated Africa's bloody diamond wars, and the faltering, decade-long effort to clean up an entire industry.

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'Smillie's compelling narrative of the journey from teacher to prosecutor is touching and breathtaking.' —Peta Thornycroft, award-winning Zimbabwean journalist

Africa's diamond wars took four million lives. ***Blood on the Stone*** tells the story of how diamonds came to be so dangerous, describing the great diamond cartel and a dangerous pipeline leading from war-torn Africa to the glittering showrooms of Paris, London and New York. It describes the campaign that forced an industry and more than 50 governments to create a global control mechanism, and it provides a sobering prognosis on its future.

Readership: An educated general readership interested in conflict diamonds, modern African history and the diamond trade; students and scholars of African history, conflict prevention, corporate social responsibility and the role of extractives in international development; NGOs with interests in Africa and campaigning; the diamond industry; governments concerned with similar issues; other extractive industries.

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Ian Smillie has lived and worked in Africa and Asia as a teacher, consultant, investigator and writer. For the past ten years his career has focused on blood diamonds, the wars they fuelled and a scheme designed to stop them. This has taken him from the jungles of West Africa to the backstreets of Antwerp and a war crimes tribunal in The Hague, where he was the first witness in the trial of Liberian warlord Charles Taylor. Ian Smillie was appointed to the Order of Canada in 2003.

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