Record Nr. UNINA9910968658303321 Autore Burnet Jennie E Titolo Genocide lives in us: women, memory, and silence in Rwanda / / Jennie E. Burnet Pubbl/distr/stampa Madison, : University of Wisconsin Press, c2012 **ISBN** 9780299286439 0299286436 9781283692243 1283692244 Edizione [1st ed.] Descrizione fisica 1 online resource (303 p.) Women in Africa and the diaspora Collana Disciplina 967.57104/31 Soggetti Genocide - Rwanda Women in public life - Rwanda Women - Rwanda - Social conditions Rwanda History 1994-Rwanda History Civil War, 1994 Atrocities Lingua di pubblicazione Inglese **Formato** Materiale a stampa Livello bibliografico Monografia Note generali Bibliographic Level Mode of Issuance: Monograph Nota di bibliografia Includes bibliographical references and index. Nota di contenuto Intro -- Contents -- List of Illustrations -- Preface --Acknowledgments -- List of Abbreviations -- Note on Kinyarwanda Usage and Spelling -- Introduction -- 1. Social Classification, State Power, and Violence -- 2. Remembering Genocide: Lived Memory and National Mourning -- 3. Amplified Silence: Hegemony, Memory, and Silence's Multiple Meanings -- 4. Sorting and Suffering: Social Classification in the Aftermath of Genocide -- 5. Defining Coexistence and Reconciliation in the New Rwanda -- 6. Paths to Reconciliation --7. Reconciliation, Justice, and Amplified Silence -- Conclusion --Glossary -- Notes -- Works Cited -- Index. In the aftermath of the 1994 genocide, Rwandan women faced the Sommario/riassunto

In the aftermath of the 1994 genocide, Rwandan women faced the impossible-resurrecting their lives amidst unthinkable devastation. Haunted by memories of lost loved ones and of their own experiences of violence, women rebuilt their lives from "less than nothing." Neither passive victims nor innate peacemakers, they traversed dangerous emotional and political terrain to emerge as leaders in Rwanda today.

This clear and engaging ethnography of survival tackles three interrelated phenomena-memory, silence, and justice-and probes the contradictory roles women played in postgenocide reconciliation. Based on more than a decade of intensive fieldwork, Genocide Lives in Us provides a unique grassroots perspective on a postconflict society. Anthropologist Jennie E. Burnet relates with sensitivity the heartwrenching survival stories of ordinary Rwandan women and uncovers political and historical themes in their personal narratives. She shows that women's leading role in Rwanda's renaissance resulted from several factors: the dire postgenocide situation that forced women into new roles; advocacy by the Rwandan women's movement; and the inclusion of women in the postgenocide government. Honorable Mention, Aidoo-Snyder Book Prize, Women's Caucus of the African Studies Association