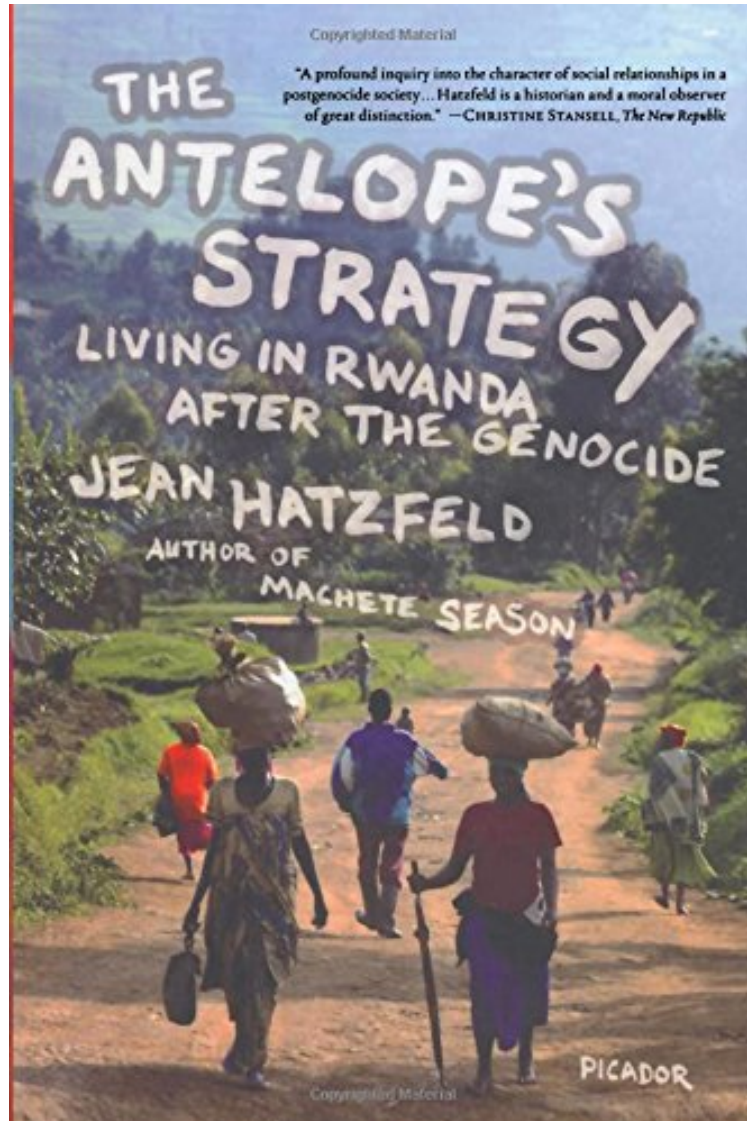


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revisit to the perpetrators and survivors of the Rwandan genocide in one particular district. Deeply absorbing and elucidating. You will emerge with great appreciation for human resilience and the thoughtfulness and introspective capacity of individual, ordinary Rwandans. 2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. great book By EmiI loved the book. Yet - it's hard to rate a product like that. All three books by Jean Hatzfeld (this one is the third out of trilogy) are amazing, all three should be read.

One hot May morning in 2003, a crowd of Hutus who had participated in the genocidal killings of April 1994 in Rwanda filed out of prison and into the sunshine, singing hallelujahs, their freedom granted by presidential pardon. As they returned to their old villages, Tutsi survivors watched as the people who had killed their neighbors and families returned to the homes around them. In *The Antelope's Strategy*, Jean Hatzfeld returns to Rwanda to talk with both Hutus and Tutsis struggling to live side by side. We hear the voices of killers who have been released from prison or returned from exile, and Tutsi escapees who must now tolerate them as neighbors. How are they managing with the process of reconciliation? Is such a thing even possible? The enormously varied answers Hatzfeld gets suggest that little faith in true recovery survives among those who lived through the genocide. This is an astonishing exploration of the pain of memory, the nature of stoic hope, and the ineradicability of grief.

From Publishers Weekly The horrors of communal violence give way to quieter torments in this harrowing collection of oral histories. Hatzfeld revisits Tutsi survivors and confessed Hutu killers he interviewed in *Life Laid Bare* and *Machete Season* after the latter were unexpectedly released from prison and returned to their homes. The official Rwandan policy of reconciliation holds: Hutu-Tutsi relations are civil, and one genocidaire even marries a Tutsi woman whose relatives were slaughtered. But to Hatzfeld, the survivors reveal inner scars their unappeasable sense of grief, dispossession and mistrust of their neighbors, the fillip of fear whenever they encounter Hutu farmers carrying their machetes, the bitterness that justice has been sacrificed for national recovery. (Less anguished, the pardoned Hutu perpetrators express a diplomatic repentance and relief at having escaped retribution.) Hatzfeld includes nightmarish scenes from the genocide; survivors recall running for their lives for weeks on end, regressing to the status of game animals as Hutu hunting bands cut down their families and friends. Just as haunting is the spiritual aftermath: 'I believed in honorable effort, decent behavior, the straight and narrow path,' one Tutsi woman recalls, '[but] from now on, I'm suspicious of moral maxims.' (Mar.) Copyright Reed Business Information, a division of Reed Elsevier Inc. All rights reserved. Daring... Hatzfeld captures ordinary Rwandans at their most contemplative, working out the dilemma that will define the rest of their lives: How can survivors and killers share hilltops again? Jina Moore, *The Christian Science Monitor* Artfully written . . . a book that illustrates vividly the thorny realities that accompany survival and appeasement. Nora Krug, *The Washington Post* Harrowing . . . Hatzfeld tackles the hardest questions of justice and reparations; of why some are broken or fall into despair while others are able to find anew some peace of mind and pleasure in life. Anita Sethi, *The Independent (UK)* An amazing look at the reconciliation of evil and forgiveness. Vanessa Bush, *Booklist* About the Author Jean Hatzfeld, an international reporter for *Libration* since 1973, is the author of many books, including *Machete Season: The Killers in Rwanda Speak* (FSG, 2005). He lives in Paris.