FRACTURED LIVES THE JOURNEY TO PEACE

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Between April and July 1994, Rwanda witnessed 100 days of mass killings, rampant rape and numerous other horrific acts by the Hutu extremist Interahamwe. More than one million unarmed Tutsi civilians were slaughtered. Since the end of the war, Rwanda's citizens have made remarkable progress in establishing normality. Yet communities across the country remain divided, still coping with the social, psychological and economic impact of the genocide.

The peace-building NGO, International Alert, created a pioneering programme for conflict reconciliation - with the idea that the daunting task of rebuilding the fractured lives post- conflict would have to be holistic, to include all individuals affected by the genocide. Their programme focuses on uniting a divided fragmented society through addressing the psychological trauma and the economic void that is omnipresent post conflict.

These images with their personal harrowing narratives illuminate the struggles of all those who experienced the brutal genocide war of 1994 and their remarkable perspective of pursuing normalcy in their lives today.

Carol Allen-Storey is an award-winning documentary photographer specialising in chronicling humanitarian and social issues.

"My images are intimate, about issues and citizens I deeply care about. I believe photographs may not be capable of doing the moral work for us, But they can trigger the process of social consciousness"

In 2009 Storey was appointed a UNICEF ambassador for photography.

Carol's work has been published and exhibited extensively In the UK and internationally. She has won and been shortlisted for multiple international awards. Her solo exhibitions include: 'The AMAHORO Generation'; 'CROSSINGS' - 'TEENS and the Loneliness of AIDS' - 'FRACTURED LIVES' - 'Children of Hope' - 'Anything Is Possible' - 'The Vanishing Assets of Africa' and 'The Savagery and Poetry of Africa'.

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