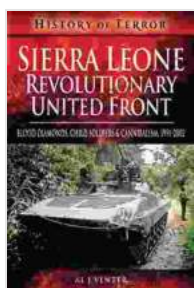


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The civil war in Sierra Leone was one of the most brutal conflicts in recent history. It lasted for 11 years, from 1991 to 2002, and resulted in the deaths of over 50,000 people. The war was fought between the government of Sierra Leone and the Revolutionary United Front (RUF), a rebel group. The RUF was supported by the government of Liberia, and was known for its use of child soldiers and its practice of cannibalism.



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The war began in 1991 when the RUF launched an attack on the town of Kailahun. The rebels quickly gained control of much of the eastern part of the country. The government responded by launching a counter-offensive,

but the RUF was able to hold its ground. The war settled into a stalemate, with both sides committing atrocities against the civilian population.

One of the most shocking aspects of the war was the use of child soldiers. The RUF recruited children as young as 8 years old and forced them to fight. The children were often given drugs and alcohol to make them more aggressive. They were also forced to witness and participate in acts of extreme violence, including cannibalism.

Cannibalism was a common practice among the RUF. The rebels believed that eating human flesh would give them strength and power. They often killed and ate their own comrades, as well as civilians. The practice of cannibalism was so widespread that it became known as "the Sierra Leone Special".

The war in Sierra Leone finally ended in 2002 with the signing of the Lome Peace Agreement. The agreement called for the disarmament of the RUF and the establishment of a new government. The war had a devastating impact on Sierra Leone. The country's infrastructure was destroyed, its economy was shattered, and its people were traumatized. The war also left a legacy of violence and instability that continues to plague the country today.

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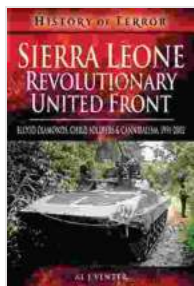
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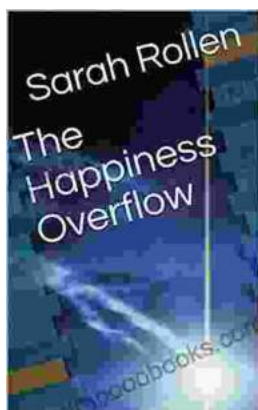
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