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Tens of thousands of children have been born worldwide as a result of mass rape campaigns or wartime sexual exploitation. What do we know about these children and their life chances? This book brings together researchers and practitioners from around the globe who have spent decades working with women who survived wartime rape and with their children who were the result of that violence. The contributors rethink some of the assumptions that echo in the literature, policy, practice, and popular culture about these children and those around them. The collection is composed of four thematic parts.

Features

- Part I brings together contributions that explore the life cycles of children born of wartime rape.
- Part II draws upon complementary studies to investigate the complexities of why young people born of rebel rape are or are not able to rejoin their families and communities in the postconflict period.
- In part III, contributors explore the different ways these children learn about their origins and how they, their families, and societies react to that understanding.
- Finally, part IV engages the local, national, and international spheres to explore how best to move from abuse, marginalization, and pain into belonging and justice for these mothers and their children.

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