The book marks the 20th anniversary of the genocide in Rwanda. The churches play a central role in the process of reconciliation in Rwanda. The theology of Dietrich Bonhoeffer offers fresh impulses, generating intensive discussions in Rwanda, especially in view of the many parallels to his context in the Nazi period. Moreover, the underlying conflict ultimately remains unresolved, especially in Eastern Congo in the region of Lake Kivu, where fighting continues between former Hutu units, other militia groups and government troops. In such a context, the search for a "just peace" is central, and Bonhoeffer's peace ethics offer important orientational points of reference.

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