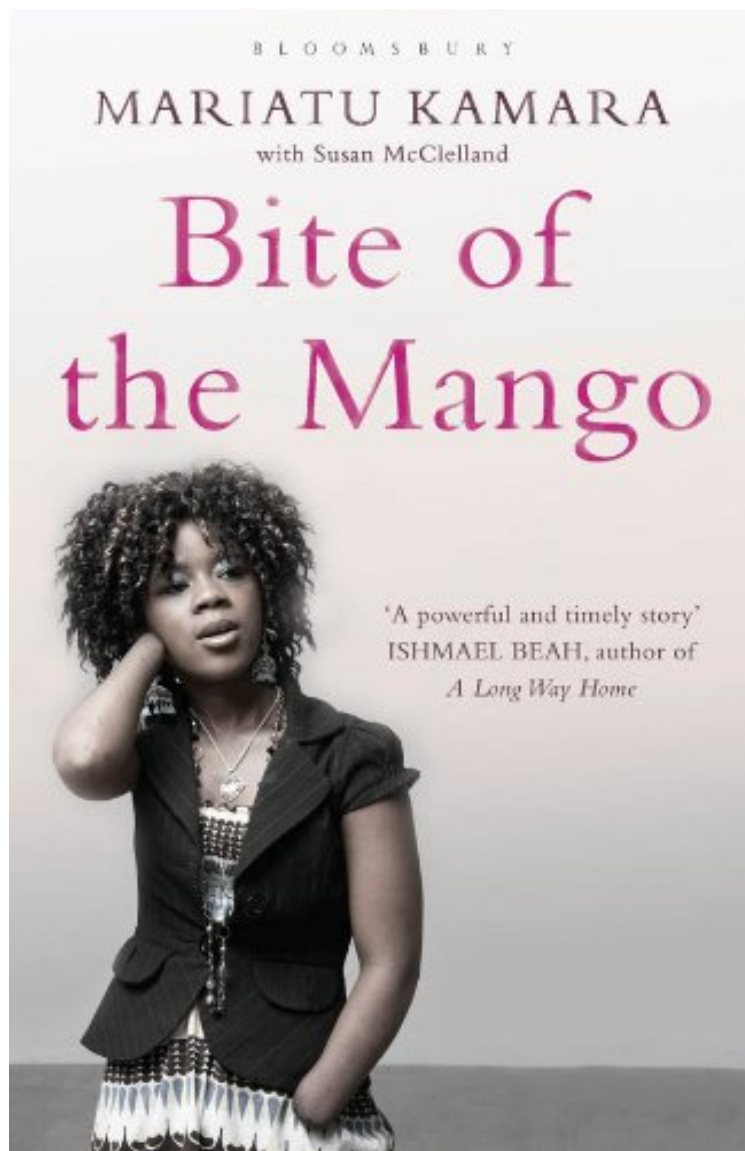


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wirklich verloren. Solange sie sich nicht selbst beherrschen kann, wird sie es bleiben...Es hat mich wirklich wirklich gerührt. Sie ist so eine starke Frau...Das hinter dem Titel "The Bite of the Mango" so viel steckt, also dass sie in diesem Moment keine Hände mehr hatte und innerlich sowie äußerlich völlig zerstört war, hätte ich nie erwartet, als ich das Buch kaufte. Ich kann dieses Buch nur wärmstens empfehlen!!

**Kurzbeschreibung** As a child in a small rural village in Sierra Leone, Mariatu Kamara lived peacefully surrounded by family and friends. Rumors of rebel attacks were no more than a distant worry. But when 12-year-old Mariatu set out for a neighboring village, she never arrived. Heavily armed rebel soldiers, many no older than children themselves, attacked and tortured Mariatu. During this brutal act of senseless violence they cut off both her hands. Stumbling through the countryside, Mariatu miraculously survived. The sweet taste of a mango, her first food after the attack, reaffirmed her desire to live, but the challenge of clutching the fruit in her bloodied arms reinforced the grim new reality that stood before her. With no parents or living adult to support her and living in a refugee camp, she turned to begging in the streets of Freetown. In this gripping and heartbreaking true story, Mariatu shares with readers the details of the brutal attack, its aftermath and her eventual arrival in Toronto. There she began to pull together the pieces of her broken life with courage, astonishing resilience and hope.

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**Starred Selection 2009** Starred Selection Despite the intense subject matter, the book is not overly graphic or gratuitous. It's recommended for older teens, but adults won't be able to put the book down either. -- Robin Farrell Edmonds "ForeWord" (11/02/2008) Mauriatu Kamara is a college student in Toronto. She is also a UNICEF Special Representative for Children and Armed Conflict. When she was 11 years old in Sierra Leone, armed rebels brutally cut off her hands. In *The Bite of the Mango*, she tells the story of her life: one of survival, resilience, and relationships, also of her love for both Sierra Leone and Canada. A "must read" for teens. -- Denise Moore "HiRise" (09/01/2008) Both harrowing and hopeful... [Mariatu's] narrative is honest, raw, and powerful.... The book sheds light on a plight of which many people are still unaware. -- Kelly McGamay, Glenbard South High School Library, "Library Journal" (11/01/2008) This is the story of the results of war as seen through a child's eyes and experiences and retold by the young woman who lived through it. Though the subject matter is intense in spots, the book is not overly graphic in gratuitous details and it's a story that older teens and adults won't be able to put down. -- Robin Farrell Edmonds "Manhattan Mercury" (05/30/2010) This is an honest and true story told without glamour or artifice. -- Merry Merryfield "Africa Access" (09/12/2014) **Werbetext** This astounding true story of extraordinary courage and resilience will inspire all generations. Mariatu is a UNICEF Special Representative for Children in Armed Conflicts and speaks to groups regularly about her experiences. In its original edition, *Bite of the Mango* received major exposure across international and national press raising Mariatu's global profile.