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Abstract

This paper will serve as an examination of the experiences of child soldiers in sub-Saharan Africa. Using autobiography as the central medium of analysis, I will examine the experiences of selected child soldiers, taking particular note (such as their commentary on agency, culpability, and identity formation) and their interactions with the military or paramilitary organizations that will focus on why or how the individuals came to be child solders, the difficulties of reintegration post-conflict, and what they have witnessed and done. My hope is to draw conclusions about the psychosocial impact of the selected conflicts, ultimately arguing that these conclusions are less ambiguous and estranged than those which might be developed through other disciplines. Grounding myself in narrative analysis, complemented by political science, I will approach the autobiography with a dual humanities/social sciences approach. I will illustrate how the autobiographies of such individuals provide windows to conflict in continental Africa. In addition, I will demonstrate that autobiographical data within peace and conflict studies. These autobios have been underused in international relations, becoming linked to the larger issues of Western ignorance and marginalization of broad-scale wars being waged in Africa. They provide new insight into hidden societies and allow a stark analysis of the effects of war on individuals, and thus on conflict-ridden societies.

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