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In this book, Dr Martin Parsons has brought together some of the world's leading experts in the field of War Child Studies and War Related Trauma in order to provide new insights into what war means to children. Many of the authors are war children themselves. The effect that their experiences have had on their own lives and their families effectively invalidates claims that. given time, children simply forget or are able to put the past behind them; rather, their stories add a major new dimension to our understanding of conflict.

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