

# WAR BROTHERS

The Graphic Novel

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Dear Reader


My name is Kitina Jacob. I was born in Gulu, a city of 110,000 people in the north of Uganda. I am from the Acholi tribe.

Where I live, far from the capital city of Kampala, Kony, Joseph leads the Lord's Resistance Army (or the LRA). My country knows this man simply as Kony, the leader of an army of abducted children. He and his LRA gang of rebels steal boys and girls from rural farms, villages, schools, and buses. They say that only they know the true Christian way, that their army of Christian soldiers will fight the government of Uganda and create a country of Christians called "Acholiland."


But Kony and his Lord's Resistance Army are cruel beyond measure. They are not Christians. They do not care for or protect children. I know this to be true

because I was one of those abducted children. I became a child soldier in Kony's Army.

My story is not an easy one to tell, and it is not an easy one to read. The life of a child soldier is full of unthinkable violence and brutal death. But this is also a story of hope, courage, friendship, and family. We Ugandans believe that family is most important.



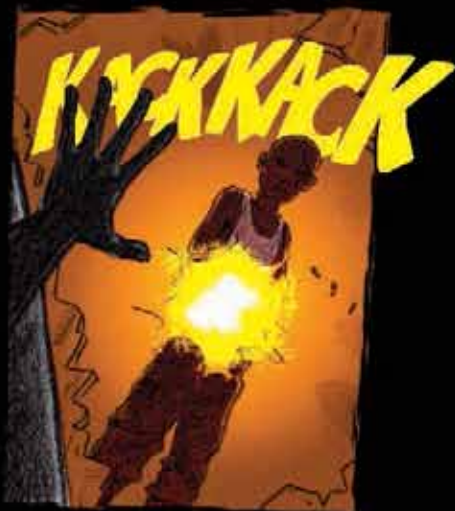
MY FINGERS HURT FROM  
HOLDING THE PANGA SO HARD...



...HOW MUCH LONGER ARE  
WE GOING TO WAIT?







**TAKE THE CHILDREN!!**



**PLEASE NO!!!**

**AAAAHHH!!**



**MAMMA!!**

**AAAAHHH!**



**NOOOOOO!!**



**AAAAAAAAAAAAH!!**





**“War Brothers is riveting and compelling.... [A] powerful graphic novel.”**

—Melanie Tomsons, Executive Director and Chief Communications Officer  
of Never Again International–Canada

## **An unforgettable story of resilience, based on true events**

**J**acob and his friends are sharing stories about their school break, when suddenly the door of their dorm is violently kicked in. The attack only takes moments. Blinded by fear and confusion, the boys are abducted by rebel soldiers—members of the Lord’s Resistance Army (LRA).

Beaten, starved, and forced to become child soldiers, the boys begin a long march through the African bush. They wait for rescue. Where is the great army with its helicopters? Have their families forgotten them? With barely any hope left, they must make a desperate decision that will end in life or death.

With its haunting images and powerful text, this graphic novel tells a story of spirit, friendship, and courage. For Jacob and his friends, survival depends on one thing: loyalty.



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