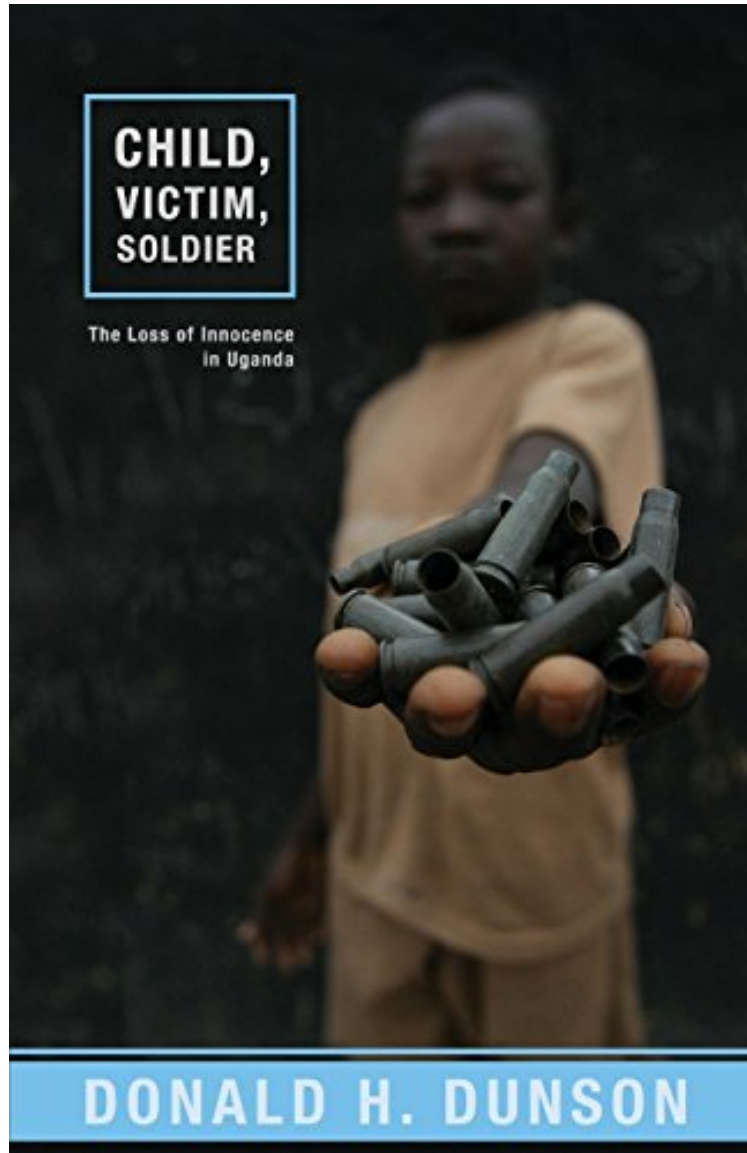


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3 of 3 people found the following review helpful. A seven-year-old child is kidnaped and trained to kill, serving as a soldierBy Midwest Book ReviewA person must be eighteen years of age to join the United States Military. Not all countries have such enlightened policies. "Child, Victim, Soldier: The Loss of Innocence in Uganda" is the story of

children such as Sunday Obote. Donald Dunson has done much research to bring American eyes onto the dark truth that they so often ignore, a civil war that engulfs Uganda that makes America's own look like a sunny picnic in a grassy meadow. A seven-year-old child is kidnaped and trained to kill, serving as a soldier. This horrible story happens far more often than one would imagine, and "Child, Victim, Soldier" speaks for the voices that America ignores. 6 of 10 people found the following review helpful. Have we learned nothing from our history? By BB Our church made a mission visit to Gulu, Uganda, this past June of 2008; the same area visited and written about by Fr. Dunson in this book. We plan to work with the people of Koch Goma, near the city of Gulu. What will you do? Here is my challenge - if you can read this book and still not be moved to act then you are already out of touch with your own humanity. It is a short but powerful description of horror, calling us to hope and action in a world drowning in apathy.

The rebel group in Uganda known as the Lord's Resistance Army has abducted children, boys and girls, to serve as soldiers and to provide sexual services. Torn from their families in the dead of night and forced to carry out terrible acts, including murdering family members and other children, they bear terrifying scars on their bodies, minds, and souls. Fr. Dunson lets their stories be heard, often in their own voices, telling of their hurts and needs, but also of their hopes for the future. His text, accompanied by powerful photographs taken by Gerald Straub, also reflects on the presence of evil in the world and the need for healing.

From Booklist I was kidnapped by rebels when I was just twelve and forced to do unspeakable things. Like *The Bite of the Mango* (2008) by Mariatu Kamara and Susan McClelland, this searing title is about children at war today, as casualties and as forced perpetrators of brutality. Dunson, a Cleveland missionary priest, travels regularly to northern Uganda to spend summers among formerly abducted child soldiers, and he constantly invokes his Christian beliefs as his inspiration to work for peace. With his interviews of formerly abducted children, including boys forced to kill their families and girls subjected to routine sexual abuse, he also includes historical background not only on the tribal factors behind the current strife but also on the early European colonialists role in the scramble for African rule. The personal stories will draw teens to the fundamental issues: Is healing possible? Should children be held responsible? Why does the world stand silent and indifferent? Grades 8-12. --Hazel Rochman