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Researched in the course of a year across 11 of Rwanda's 12 provinces, this study is intended as a contribution to the many ongoing efforts to improve responses to rape, HIV/AIDS and other sexually transmitted infections (STIs). It addresses an issue confronting all post-conflict and conflict-ridden societies. In accounts of rape during the 1994 genocide and their experiences since, 185 Rwandese and 16 Burundian citizens, two of them male, reach out beyond their own dire circumstances as informants and advocates on a critical wider problem. They speak of extreme cruelty compounded by missed medical opportunities and humanitarian failures. But, it is surely not beyond the capacity of governments, international agencies and non-governmental organizations (NGOs), working together, to restore quality of life to these women and men. Broken Bodies, Torn Spirits identifies their problems and some possibilities for addressing them.

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