

# THE DEVILS CAME IN FROM THE COUNTRY

Violent memories haunt Joseph Munro.

Returning to Liberia years after fleeing as a war refugee, he rediscovers its mystery and natural beauty, but the extreme poverty and scars from decades of bloodshed unleash his memories. Then, his world changes forever when a moral dilemma echoes his family's corrupt history.

To stop Joseph's secrets from swallowing his sanity, a woman whose journey is the opposite of his, a village healer already shouldering the burdens of his people, and a faithless former priest must guide him down cracked and twisted roads to face the warlords who shattered his psyche, an implacable plague, and the ominous spirits of the Liberian bush.

Corporate and institutional mentalities play out against the backdrop of a beleaguered nation as its people try to make sense of their past and forge a path to an uncertain future.

*The Devils Came in from the Country* follows the journey of a refugee bedeviled by both past and future in his search for a true identity and home. Joseph Munro will learn that we are capable of more than we think, whether for good or for evil.

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