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About the Author

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My own family mantra is “with knowledge comes responsibility”

... It is taking me on a journey I never could have anticipated or envisioned. A journey that has required everything, everything, everything... My deepest conviction is that we have both a responsibility to remember and a responsibility to protect. Genocide is not inevitable or unstoppable—unless we choose to let it happen.

—From the preface by Mia Farrow

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