

“In my culture, every story is told with the purpose of either imparting knowledge, repairing a broken bond, or transforming the listener and the teller. Mariatu’s story embodies all of these elements.” –from the Introduction by Ishmael Beah

Mariatu Kamara led a carefree childhood growing up in a small rural village in Sierra Leone, until the fateful day she was sent to fetch food from a nearby village. Once there, armed rebels attacked, many no older than 12-year-old Mariatu herself. Amongst other horrors that occurred that day, the young rebels brutally cut off Mariatu’s hands.

Miraculously, Mariatu survived to begin an unimaginable journey that took her from the African bush to begging in the streets of Freetown, and ultimately to a new life in North America.

In *The Bite of the Mango* Mariatu shares her unforgettable story of immense courage, resilience and hope.

A college student in Toronto, Mariatu is a UNICEF Special Representative for Children and Armed Conflict. She tours North America speaking of her experiences.

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