

FATHER OF THE LOST BOYS

by YUOT A. ALAAK

ABOUT THE BOOK

During the Second Sudanese Civil War, thousands of South Sudanese boys were displaced or orphaned. In 1989, teacher and community leader Mecak Ajang Alaak lead the Lost Boys on a four-year journey from Ethiopia to Kenya to protect them from becoming child soldiers. This is the account of that extraordinary true story as told by his son, Yuot, who walked beside him every step of the way. It is an inspiring tale about a man who never ceased to believe that the pen is mightier than the gun.

ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Yuot A. Alaak is an Australian writer whose memoir, *Father of the Lost Boys*, was shortlisted for the City of Fremantle Hungerford Award (2019), the Western Australian Premier's Book Award (2020) and the New South Wales Premier's Literary Award (2021).



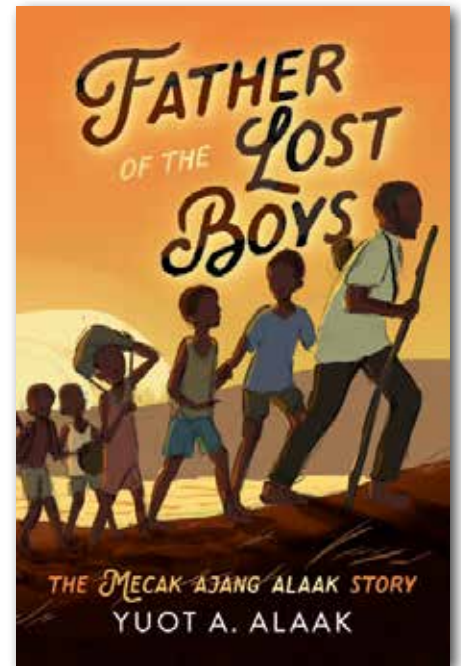
NOTES

- Released to coincide with World Refugee Day on 20 June, this is a timely adaptation for younger readers in an accessible format. Perfect for educators looking for local material for the school curriculum that relates to current affairs and is of global significance.
- Unfortunately, the Sudanese conflict is ongoing in the regions. Currently, Australia provides a haven for around 16-17,000 diasporic Sudanese people.
- At a time when new generations of lost boys and girls are being created, the inspirational story of Mecak Ajang Alaak points to the power of unwavering hope.
- Yuot first moved to South Australia but currently lives in Perth with his family where he works as a mining professional for Fortescue Metals Group, having attained degrees in geosciences and engineering. One of his longer-term ambitions is to be an advocate for sustainable mining in third world countries. When not writing or mining, Yuot loves to relax with family and friends over a barbecue.

PRAISE FOR THE BOOK

'This valuable book deserves a global audience and will be a disquieting read for those of privilege; this country is a better place for it having been published.' *Books+Publishing*

'This is not a story of sadness, but of a family's triumph; of love, loyalty and choosing the power of the pen over the power of the gun.' *Sydney Morning Herald*



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