

A Reading & Conversation with Rwandan Author Scholastique Mukasonga

Born in Rwanda in 1956, Scholastique Mukasonga experienced from childhood the violence and humiliation of the ethnic conflicts that shook her country. In 1960, her family was displaced to the polluted and under-developed Bugesera district of Rwanda. Mukasonga was later forced to leave the school of social work in Butare and flee to Burundi. She settled in France in 1992, only two years before the brutal genocide of the Tutsi swept through Rwanda.

The Barefoot Woman is Scholastique Mukasonga's loving, funny, devastating tribute to her mother Stefania, a victim, like almost the entire family, of the Rwandan genocide. But it's also a wry, sharp-eyed portrait of the world her mother lived in, from its humblest commonplaces (beer, sorghum, bread) to its deepest horrors (rape, murder, unimaginable loss).

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Moderator: Odile Cazenave | Interpreter: Constance Vottero

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