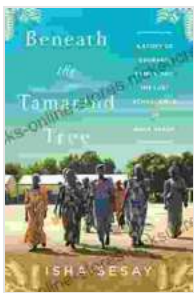


A Story of Courage: The Family and the Lost Schoolgirls of Boko Haram

On April 14, 2014, the terrorist group Boko Haram attacked a girls' secondary school in the town of Chibok, Nigeria. They kidnapped 276 girls, aged 12 to 17. The kidnappings sparked international outrage, and the hashtag #BringBackOurGirls quickly went viral on social media.



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Among the kidnapped girls were two sisters, Leah Sharibu and Rebecca Sharibu. Leah was 14 years old at the time, and Rebecca was 16. Their parents, Nathan and Rebecca Sharibu, were devastated. They couldn't believe that their daughters had been taken from them.

Nathan and Rebecca refused to give up hope. They started a campaign to raise awareness of the kidnappings, and they worked tirelessly to negotiate with Boko Haram for the release of their daughters.

In May 2016, Boko Haram released 21 of the kidnapped girls. Leah and Rebecca were not among them. Nathan and Rebecca were heartbroken, but they refused to give up.

In March 2018, Boko Haram released another 105 of the kidnapped girls. Leah and Rebecca were still not among them. Nathan and Rebecca's hope was dwindling, but they refused to give up.

In May 2021, Boko Haram released Leah. She had been held captive for seven years. Leah was reunited with her parents and her sisters. It was a joyful day, but it was also a bittersweet one. Rebecca was still missing.

Nathan and Rebecca continue to fight for the release of Rebecca and the other remaining kidnapped girls. They have not given up hope, and they will not rest until all of the girls are home.

The story of the Sharibu family is a story of courage, resilience, and hope. It is a story that shows the power of the human spirit to overcome even the most horrific circumstances.

The Impact of Boko Haram

Boko Haram is a terrorist group that has been operating in Nigeria since 2002. The group has killed thousands of people and displaced millions more. Boko Haram's goal is to establish an Islamic state in Nigeria.

The kidnapping of the Chibok schoolgirls was one of the most high-profile attacks carried out by Boko Haram. The kidnappings sparked international outrage, and they brought attention to the group's brutality.

Boko Haram's attacks have had a devastating impact on Nigeria. The group has destroyed schools, hospitals, and other infrastructure. It has also caused a severe food crisis in the region.

The Nigerian government has been fighting Boko Haram for years, but the group has continued to carry out attacks. The government has been criticized for its response to the crisis, and many people believe that it has not done enough to protect its citizens.

The Fight for the Lost Schoolgirls

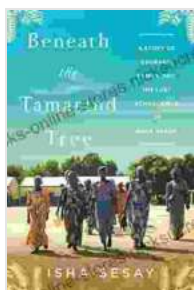
The kidnapping of the Chibok schoolgirls was a tragedy, but it also inspired a movement. The #BringBackOurGirls campaign has brought attention to the plight of the kidnapped girls, and it has put pressure on the Nigerian government to do more to secure their release.

The Sharibu family has been at the forefront of the fight for the lost schoolgirls. They have met with world leaders, and they have spoken out at rallies and protests. They have never given up hope, and they have continued to fight for the release of their daughters and the other kidnapped girls.

The fight for the lost schoolgirls is not over. Leah Sharibu is home, but Rebecca is still missing. There are still other schoolgirls who are being held captive by Boko Haram. The Sharibu family will not rest until all of the girls are home.

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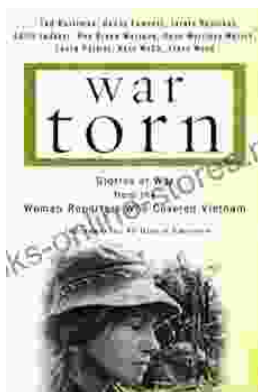
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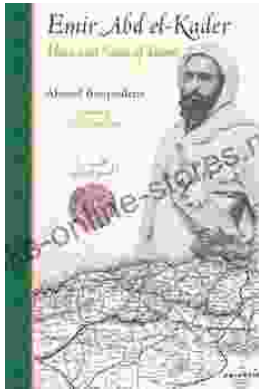
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