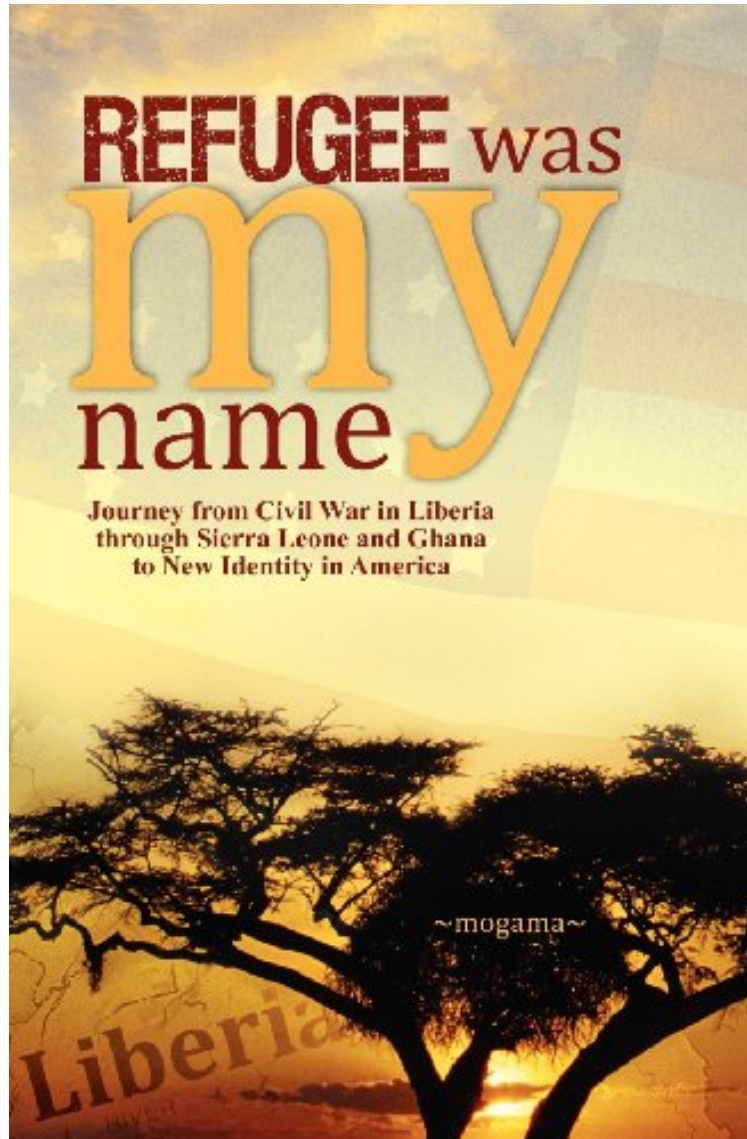


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Mogama : Refugee Was My Name before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Refugee Was My Name:

1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. A book to grip your heart and spiritBy bigblueeyes41If you haven't purchased this book yet you've denied yourself a brilliant read. The phrase "walk a mile in my shoes" comes to mind when I read this book. You litterally feel as if you're taking the journey with the author. The journey is one that will keep you wanting to flip through the pages as quickly as possible. This is truly a gift of vision into the life, struggle,

adversity and love and God's touch on every aspect of that journey. I gave them to friends and family as Christmas gifts after attending one of the book signings. 1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. A true story of faith during the Liberian civil war
By Matthew T. Shaw
This book is great. Mogama tells a powerful story of trial and faith, without resorting to sensationalism. Through metaphor and first-person narrative, he truthfully paints a picture of God's faithfulness. Bravo!
1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Refugee Was My Name
By Mountainlady
Compelling reading straight from Mogama's heart. War time and God's faithfulness through some terrible scenes in history. Well told and a good read.

On the eve of a promising future in his homeland, a former street boy (peekin) in Liberia sees his plans disappear when war erupts, the predicted 'fatal rain,' erupts overnight. Civil War is driven by political and tribal animosities. Crossing armed checkpoints as a displaced person in his country and a refugee in Sierra Leone and Ghana, Mogama (Moses Garswa Matally) leads a band of middle-class and other Liberians fleeing their country's disaster. Loss of identity, changing identities, and travel by foot, bus, boat, and air lead to Buduburam Refugee Camp in Ghana recognized by Ghana and the UN High Commission for Refugees. Christian and Muslim groups bring aid into the camp, where hard floors, unsafe water, hunger and cold test every day. Mogama records on paper, in those times, the disease, distrust, and immeasurable pain of war survivors who have lost almost everything, including their families, in some cases. Refusing to give up, even in his own depression, Mogama agrees to take on other leadership roles, to gather people together and help work continue together for daily needs, physical, relationship, and spiritual. Help from U. S. and others leads to studies in the U. S. at the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville, Kentucky. The author is a writer, counselor, teacher, and pastor, whom war made a suffering servant. His messages to others are included in this honest account of rising above what could kill the spirit as well as the body or mind. The author is a well-educated, compassionate, and insightful English-speaking writer. His story moves quickly between his years aged 24 to 28, with clarity, ironic humor, wry insight, and wise observation.

From the Author
Back in 1989 when fear-striking events began to unfold, it was not to author a book that I set pen to paper. Civil war was raging across the tropical land of Liberia, West Africa, and survival was the biggest game in town. Various war victims tried various ways to cope with sudden destruction, food shortage followed by killer hunger, separation of family and friends, homelessness, despair, and other forms of suffering. I had always loved writing, so keeping a diary and journal became a key coping tool in my arsenal. It was my way of bleeding on paper. The volume of writing grew by pages per day. By the time I gathered my records from various notebooks and typed them up, the material had ballooned to some 600 pages. Then it sat around for nearly two decades, until 2008 when I began writing for SearchWarp.com (renamed WryteStuff.com), a major online articles website. In sharing my background with Bruce Horst, the owner of the website, I mentioned that I had been a war refugee and even had the diary/journal on the experience. That's when Bruce asked if I had thought about publishing the material. There was not much to think about when Bruce offered to connect me with the owner of Opine Publishing, and later promised to take on some of the expenses of publishing my diary into a book. The process was triggered, and over two years later, with the full support of my wife and church, Refugee Was My Name was born.
From the Back Cover
War erupts in Liberia, causing a young man's life to collapse as he and others flee gun-wielding rebels. Chaotic life in a refugee camp, a broken engagement, a trip to America, and a mail romance resulting in marriage precede his eventual acceptance into pastoral ministry in the United States.
About the Author
Mogama (pen name) is a minister, Bible teacher, biblical life coach, and writer. Due to a brutal 14-year civil war in the West African nation of Liberia, his native country, Mogama fled to Sierra Leone, then to Ghana where he lived as a refugee, before migrating to the United States. The author holds a Bachelor of Theology from Liberia Baptist Theological Seminary, a Master of Divinity from Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, and an Associate in Computer Technology from Owensboro Community College. He is the founding pastor of Church For All in Kentucky, a multicultural, non-denominational church, with branches in Liberia, West Africa. Refugee Was My Name is his first non-self-published book.