Books on the Rwanda Genocide

Fiction:

Broken Memory: A Novel of Rwanda by Elizabeth Combres

Grades 6-9

The story of a young Tutsi girl as her family is torn apart and is forced into hiding due to the Rwandan Genocide.

- Teacher Resources:
 - o <u>https://www.teachingbooks.net/tb.cgi?tid=22287</u>

Shattered by Eric Walters

Grades 3 - 6

The story of an American boy who learns about the Rwandan Genocide after meeting a veteran doing community service at his local soup kitchen.

- Teacher Resources:
 - <u>https://www.teacherspayteachers.com/Product/Anticipation-Guide-for-Shattered-by-Eric-Walters-933207</u>
 - o <u>http://mkaduck.wixsite.com/shattered</u>

Christophe's Story by Nicki Cornwell, illustrated by Karin Littlewood

Grades 4 - 6

A fictional story of a young boy who flees war- torn Rwanda with his family for England, and becomes an advocate for the atrocities that occurred during the Rwandan Genocide.

Over a Thousand Hills I Walk With You by Hanna Jasen

Grade 6+

A young Tutsi girl flees Rwanda with her family in hopes of escaping Hutu soldiers.

- Teacher Resources:
 - <u>https://www.scholastic.com/teachers/books/over-a-thousand-hills-i-walk-with-you-by-hanna-jansen/</u>









Deogratias, A Tale of Rwanda by J.P Stassen

Grade 7+

A graphic novel that follows a Tutsi boy during the Rwandan Genocide.

- Teacher Resources:
 - <u>https://www.teachingbooks.net/tb.cgi?tid=1787</u>
 - <u>https://us.macmillan.com/firstsecond/teachers-and-librarians/deogratias-lesson-plan/</u>

Nonfiction:

Rwanda (The Evolution of Africa's Major Nations) by Andy Koopmans

Grades 5 - 7

A historical view of the country Rwanda.

- Teacher Resources:
 - o https://www.bbc.com/news/world-africa-14093322

Rwanda (Modern World Nations), by Joseph Oppong

Grades 6 - 11 A comprehensive view of Rwandan history.

Genocide in Rwanda by Frank Spalding

Grade 9+

Background and history of events leading up to the Rwandan genocide, and detailed accounts of the Rwandan Genocide.

- Teacher Resources:
 - o https://survivors-fund.org.uk/learn/education/lesson-plans/









Hutu and Tutsi by Aimable Twagilimana

Grade 9+

A nonfiction report of the culture of the two dominant Rwandan tribes, and how this led to the Rwandan Genocide.

Books for older children (nonfiction):

Land of a Thousand Hills: My life in Rwanda by Rasamond Halsey Carr and Ann Howard Halsey

Grade 9+

The true story of a woman from New York City who moves to the Congo and eventually Rwanda, where she turns her plantation into a shelter for children who were orphaned

 Teacher Resources: <u>https://www.penguinrandomhouse.com/books/331549/land-of-a-thousand-hills-by-</u> <u>rosamond-halsey-carr/9780452282025/readers-guide/</u>





The Girl Who Smiled Beads: A Story of War and What Comes After by Clemantine Wamariya

Grades 7 -12

The true story of a young girl and her sister as they flee the violence in Rwanda, traveling through seven African countries across the continent until being granted asylum in the United States six years later.

- Teacher resources:
 - o https://www.teachingbooks.net/tb.cgi?tid=62711
 - <u>https://www.penguinrandomhouse.com/books/539103/the-girl-who-smiled-beads-by-</u> <u>clemantine-wamariya-and-elizabeth-weil/9780451495334/teachers-guide/</u>

Left to Tell: Discovering God amidst the Rwandan Genocide by Immaculée Ilibagiza and Steve Irwin

Grade 10+

The story of Immaculée Ilibagiza as she hid in a bathroom for 91 days to escape the Rwandan Genocide.



Witness to Genocide: The Children of Rwanda by Richard A. Salem and Hillary Rodham Clinton Grade 9+

A book of artwork by Rwandan children who bore witness to the genocide.



My Father, Maker of the Trees by Eric Irivuzumugabe and Tracey D. Lawrence Grade 9+

The story of a boy who survived the Rwandan Genocide in a tree.

- Teacher Resources:
 - <u>http://cell.msmc.edu/literature/childrens-and-young-adult-literature-on-genocide-cambodia-to-darfur/</u>



