

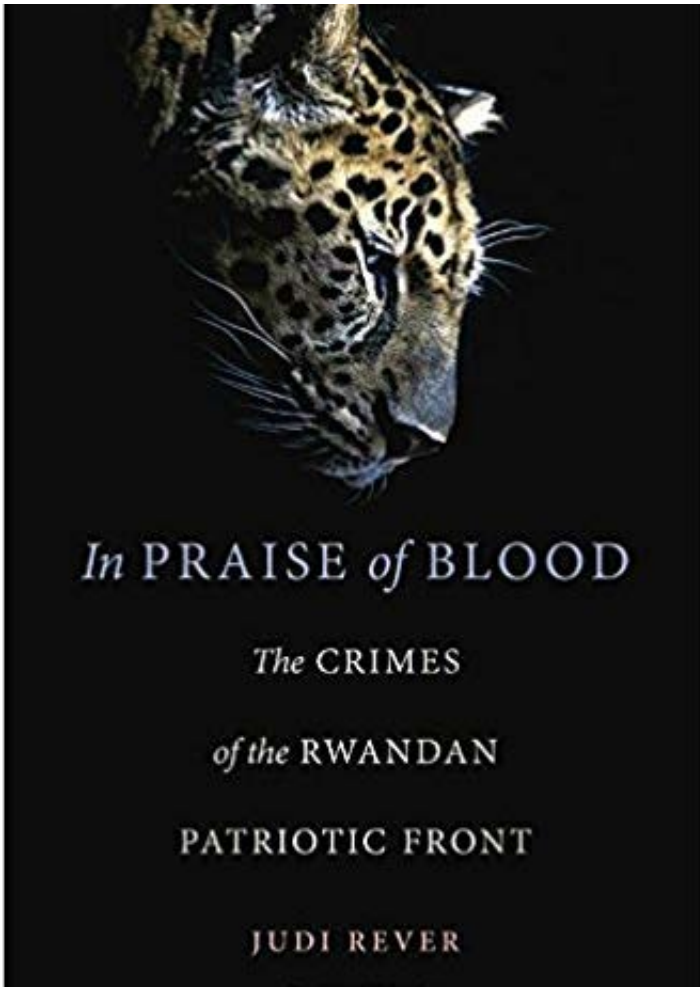


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OHS Huguenot Award Recognizes Judi Rever for *In Praise of Blood*

OHS Huguenot Society Award presented June 15, 2019 at
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The Huguenot Society of Canada Award honours the best book—or substantial article—published in Ontario within the last three years that has brought public awareness to the principles of freedom of conscience and freedom of thought. The 2018 recipient is Judi Rever, for her book *In Praise of Blood: The Crimes of the Rwandan Patriotic Front*, published by Random House Canada.



In Praise of Blood is the first authoritative account of the appalling history of the ethnic and political violence in Rwanda and Congo that cost millions of lives during the 1990s. Judi Rever is to be commended for her courage both in conducting research a great personal risk and in bringing this history to public attention. Based on more than 200 interviews and many leaked documents, *In Praise of Blood* solidly documents the complexities of the conflict. Well-known is the Hutu slaughter of innocent Tutsis, but Rever exposes the ruthlessness on the other side, as Paul Kagame and his rebel forces murdered Hutu men, women, and children and then systematically covered up their bloody work. The book shows how the international community took up Kagame's sanitized version of events, suppressed conflicting evidence, and represented him and his forces as the heroes of the situation and the builders of a new, more stable Rwanda. The book is investigative journalism of the highest order.

The Honours and Awards Committee is pleased to present the 2018 Huguenot Society of Canada Award to Judi Rever.

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