



Kovu Moyoni

By John Habwe

Bookmark Africa, United States, 2014. Paperback. Book Condition: New. 178 x 127 mm. Language: English, Swahili . Brand New Book ****** Print on Demand ******. Kovu Moyoni (Scar in the Heart) is a fast moving story set in a fictional village of Siloko in a post-independent nation called Tandika. It is the story of one widow s struggle against an oppressive regime represented by a local militia group, Jeshi la Vijana or the Youth Army , who attack and plunder her village of Siloko under the pretext of cleansing non-natives. The government to which Boke looks to protect her and her property fails in its primary responsibility and instead protects the criminally powerful cartel of land-grabbers and war-lords. This story is heart-breaking if shocking. But the author keeps tight reign on the narrative act: beautifully rendered the prose flows effortlessly painting the horrors and pathos of a community under siege. In this novel, Professor John Habwe displays a maturity that offers insight and depth into the psychology of violence and post-colonial oppression. It is a story that will disturb and prick your conscience. If this story is a depiction of Boke s various scars inflicted by a modern day corrupt...



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