



Book Review:

*Chosen to Die, Destined to Live*

by Frida Gashumba

This book is definitely not light entertainment!! It is the story of a Rwandan teen-ager who lived through the horrific genocide in that country.

The suffering of Frida Gashumba was indescribable as she watched her family brutally murdered and buried in a shallow grave. She too was beaten and thought to be dead - thrown into the same grave and covered with mud and dirt. Hours later a young man heard her cries from the ground and rescued her. However her troubles were far from over. After wandering homeless and alone from place to place, she eventually met a young Christian woman who led her to Jesus. She then faced the seemingly impossible challenge of forgiving the perpetrators of the massacre of her family.

If you were one of those in the outreach team that went to Rawanda, or one whose heart was touched as you heard the stories the team told on their return you need to read this book. This is the story of the tragedy of man's depravity, but it is also the story of the triumph of a young woman who was able to turn her suffering and loss into the means of ministering to others

Frida Gashumba's book is available in the Surfside library.

Reviewed by Shirley Peart