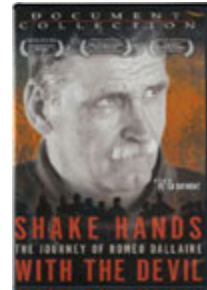


**SHAKE HANDS WITH THE DEVIL: The Journey of Romeo Dallaire, 2004, Canada, 85 min., documentary**

Recognitions: World Documentary Audience Award, Sundance, 2005; Best Documentary, Banff Rockie Awards, 2005; Jury Award for Best Documentary, Philadelphia, 2004. Based on Gerald Caplan's best-selling book of the same name.

Director: Peter Raymont



*The world is ruled by a belief that will permit other genocides. The superpowers had no interest in you... Rwanda is black. It's in the middle of Africa. It's of no strategic value. And all that's there-- they tell me--are humans... and there are too many anyway. Standing here, I say to you that Roméo Dallaire, as Force Commander, failed the Rwandan people since January 1994.*

. . . Lt.-General Roméo Dallaire at the National University of Rwanda, 2004.

Filmed during Canadian general Romeo Dallaire's return to Rwanda ten years after the UN mission he led failed to stop the civil war that escalated into the genocide of 800,000 Tutsis this documentary is a searing indictment of western complicity. Dallaire himself has been positioned as both a saint and a villain by the media and international leaders. This portrait offers both a candid look at the man and his UN mission, and insight into his deeply religious understanding of the events that took place during that time. Included are interviews with Dallaire's wife Elizabeth, author Gerald Caplan, journalist Michael Enright and UN Envoy for Africa, Stephen Lewis. Today Dallaire is best remembered as the commander who became known for his honest and impassioned pleas to a sleeping world to wake up and take notice of the horror he could not stop. A graphic and disturbing film which highlights ethics in global politics, the difficult decisions thrust upon one man, and how he handled the situation in which he found himself.

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