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Editorial Review

From Publishers Weekly

Sierra Leone's decades-long civil war and its tragic legacy of lost boy soldiers serve as the backdrop for Harris's journeyman debut. When Danny Kellerman, a British journalist in the midst of a flourishing career and a faltering marriage, receives an unexpected note pleading for help from Maria Tirado, a children's relief worker who was his lover during his brief assignment in Sierra Leone four years earlier, he does a Google search on her. To his horror, Danny learns that Maria was murdered before her note reached him in what authorities in Sierra Leone are sweeping under the carpet as a botched roadside robbery. Determined to learn the truth, Danny finagles his way back to West Africa, where he uncovers dangerous truths that suggest his government and his friends aren't the upstanding paragons he took them for. While the surprise-filled final chapter may strike some as a hastily contrived escape hatch, Harris shows a flair for intrigue that bodes well for future novels. (*Apr.*)

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While in Sierra Leone in 2000, British journalist Danny Kellerman falls hopelessly in love with a beautiful American relief worker who is passionate about rescuing children victimized by the barbaric civil war. But when the fighting ends, Danny must return to England, and Maria remains in Sierra Leone. Four years later, Maria writes to Danny, saying that she is in danger. Danny returns immediately, but Maria is already dead, and Danny is left to uncover the truth about her death in a hopelessly corrupt country where former rebel leaders hold high positions in government, and everyone is maneuvering to control the country's biggest asset: diamonds. Harris has crafted a fine first novel, the strongest parts of which come from his own experiences as a war correspondent. Readers will feel the oppressive heat, understand the toll the war took on innocents, and even fear the dead-eyed child soldiers. *The Secret Keeper* is an impressive debut. --Thomas Gaughan

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