This book examines the fate and role of human rights before, during and in the aftermath of violent conflicts. It brings together both scholars and practitioners from different parts of the world and from different disciplines, including law, anthropology, history, conflict studies, development studies and international relations. The roles of international organisations, NGOs, governments, and corporations in realising human rights are discussed. The book thus reflects the 'de-approach' to human rights research that has been advocated and pioneered by Bas de Gaay Fortman: de-legalise, de-Westernise, and de-State-ise, together with his instance that human rights research should not just be about norms, but as much, if not more, about the economic, political, social, and cultural aspects of the distinct environments in which these rights have to be realised.
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