



CAHIER AFRICAIN

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SYNOPSIS

It all started with a small school exercise book. But instead of being full of vocabulary, the pages were checkered with the courageous testimonies of 300 Central African women, girls and men. They reveal what Congolese mercenaries did to them between October 2002 and March 2003 in the wake of armed conflict. On their own initiative, they gathered together their testimonies in this book to record the crimes committed against them.

As a result of rape, Amzine, a young Muslim woman, gave birth to a child. Looking at her now 12-year-old daughter Fane is a daily reminder of the suffering she entrusted to this book. Arlette, a Christian girl, has agonised for years due to a gunshot to the knee that did not want to heal.

After a successful surgery in Berlin, she holds on to hope for a pain-free existence.

CAHIER AFRICAIN is a long-term observation that begins accompanying its protagonists in the village of PK 12 in 2008. But while they try to master their difficult daily lives with...

FESTIVALS

2016+2017

GRIMME PREIS for Information & Culture

LOLA - German Film Award - Best Documentary 2017

DOK Leipzig: Silver Dove

Human Rights Award and Interreligious Jury Award 2016

Internationalen Filmfestival von Locarno 2016 - Zonta Club Preis

Schweizer Filmpreis 2017 - Best Documentary, Best Editing
Seal of Approval 'highly recommended'

2022

37 DOK.fest Munich

CAST AND CREW

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