

# WE WERE REBELS

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## SYNOPSIS

The documentary film WE WERE REBELS tells the story of Agel, a former child soldier who returns to South Sudan to help build up his country. The film accompanies him over a period of two years – from South Sudan gaining its independence in 2011 to the renewed outbreak of civil war in December 2013. As captain of the national basketball team of South Sudan – the youngest country in the world – Agel coaches the team through their very first international match against Uganda. The conflicts within the team bear a striking resemblance to the political problems festering across the country. An injury ends up forcing Agel to leave the basketball team, and he goes on to form an NGO that provides the country's most remote areas with clean drinking water. His journeys give him time to reflect on his country – on how it was, how it is, and how he hopes it will be one day.

As a child soldier, Agel had to kill and also lost almost all of his male relatives. Later he managed to flee...

## FESTIVALS

awards:

Grimme-Preis 2015

Nominiert für den Deutschen Dokumentarfilmpreis 2015

Brooklyn International Film Festival, USA, 2015, BEST

DOCUMENTARY

FIFDH - Festival International du film des droits de l'homme de Paris, 2016 - Main Award of the Jury

Internationales Dokumentarfilmfestival München,

DOK.panorama, Deutsche Premiere, Deutschland 2014

as well as 2018 DOK.special

Rwanda Film Festival, Kigali, Ruanda 2014

Ecrans Noirs, Yaoundé, Kamerun 2014

iREP Monthly Documentary Film Screening, Lagos, Nigeria, August 2014

Montreal World Film Festival, Kanada, 2014

2014

93 min

ORIGINAL TITLE

WIR WAREN REBELLEN

FORMAL CATEGORIES

Biographie/Portrait, Current Affairs, Conflicts, War/Peace, Human Rights, Politics, Social issues

ORIGINAL LANGUAGES

Arabic, English

PREMIERE

Germany (2014)

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