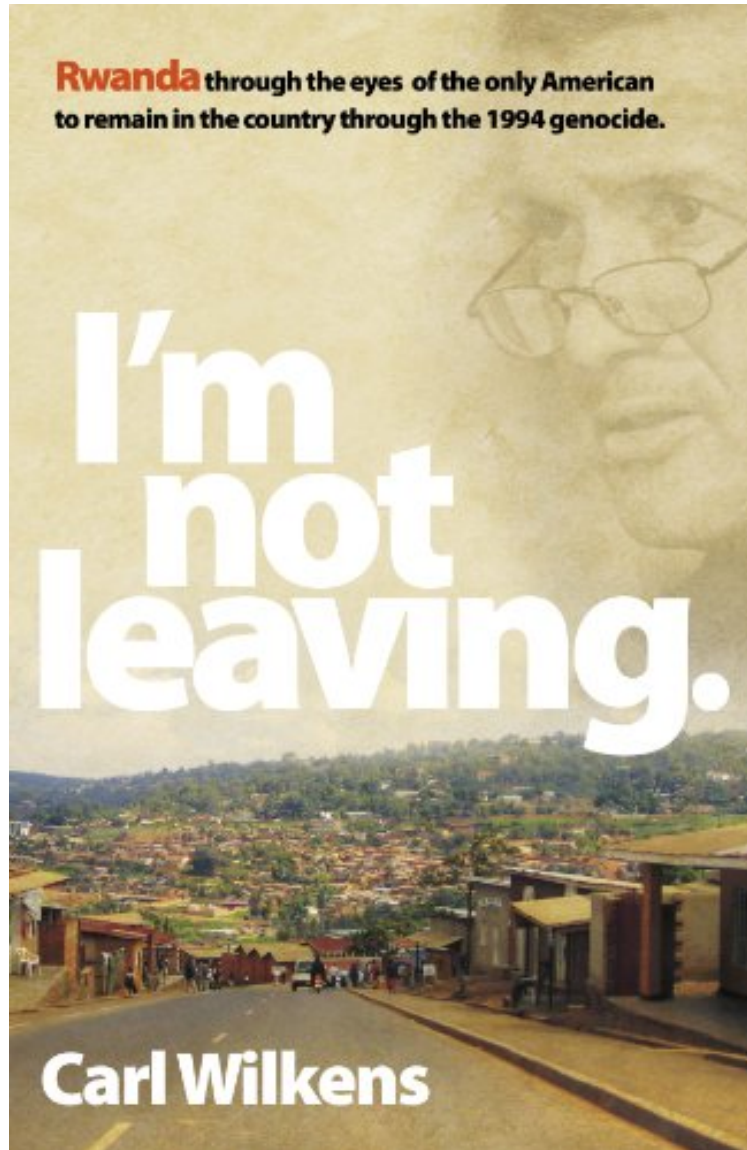


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Genozid erwartet. Aber dies lag vermutlich an meinen falschen Vorstellungen. Fazit: ok

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