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Abstract: The essays in this volume provide different perspectives on the origin and escalation of the war in Darfur (Sudan) and the search for peace. The first part examines the causes of the war, including chapters on how the Sudanese State functions, how disputes over land rights and local government helped spark conflict, the origins and development of the Janjaweed militia and the rebel movements, the role of Islam and Islamism, and how Darfur's war is entangled in the ongoing political crisis in Chad. The second part turns to the international efforts to achieve piece in Darfur. Three chapters, written by participants in the African Union's mediation effort, document and analyse the attempt to mediate between Khartoum and the rebels, analysing the Inter-Sudanese Peace Talks, or Abuja talks, and the Darfur Peace Agreement of May 2006. Other chapters examine how Darfur has been represented in the American press and how it has been the basis for an enormous advocacy campaign. Contributors: Abdul-Jabbar Abdullah Fadul, Adam Azzain Mohammed, Ahmed Kamal El-Din, Ahmed A. Yousuf, Ali Haggar, Alex de Waal, Rebecca Hamilton, Chad Hazlett, Deborah Murphy, Musa Abdel Jalil, Roland Marchal, Julie Flint, Laurie Nathan, Victor Tanner, Dawit Toga, Jérôme Tubiana. [ASC Leiden abstract]

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