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Bent Not Broken

A Family Remembers the War
in Liberia and Sierra Leone

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A Powerful Story for a New Medium

Bent Not Broken is an interactive ebook that follows a family as they try to survive a brutal but little-known war in West Africa. All wars are cruel, but the war in Liberia and Sierra Leone was especially so: fought by warlords and their death squads of child soldiers, the war saw the deliberate targeting of civilians. Murder, rape, torture, and abductions were common tactics, and the signature atrocity of the war, amputation, left thousands without hands and legs.

Through a multimedia, multigenre form that includes personal testimonies, images, maps, found artifacts, video, audio, and animations, *Bent Not Broken* recounts how one family survived the war and came to America in 2005. More than just an ebook, this highly interactive and compelling account of human endurance and cultural adaptation will appeal to young adult and adult readers who are willing to enter into the life of a family under the extreme duress of war.

