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Rwanda has been the subject of much research following the genocide against the Tutsi ethnic group in 1994. Moving beyond recent histories which examine Rwanda's past predominantly through the lens of this tragic event, Filip Reyntjens utilises a *longue durée* framework to provide new insights into historical developments over the last 150 years. Tracking the foundations of modern Rwanda from the mid nineteenth century to the present day, this book offers the first comprehensive examination of both the political continuities and ruptures which have shaped the country. Reyntjens examines the nineteenth-century precolonial polity; colonisation from the end of the nineteenth century; the revolution of 1959–1961, followed by independence in 1962; and the 1994 genocide, followed by the seizure of power by the Rwandan Patriotic Front. Across these periods of dramatic transition, this study demonstrates the role of both political constancy and change, allowing readers to reshape their understanding of Rwanda's political history.

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Abbreviations

ANT	Assemblée nationale de transition
Aprosoma	Association pour la promotion sociale de la masse
CDR	Coalition pour la défense de la République
CEPGL	Communauté économique des pays des grands lacs
CPUN	Comité pour la paix et l'unité nationale
DSP	Division spéciale présidentielle (Zaire)
FAR	Forces armées rwandaises
FARDC	Forces armées de la République Démocratique du Congo
FIB	Force Intervention Brigade
GTBE	Gouvernement de transition à base élargie
ICTR	International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda
IDPs	Internally displaced person(s)
Liprodhor	Ligue pour la promotion et la défense des droits de l'homme au Rwanda
MDR	Mouvement démocratique républicain
MICT	International Residual Mechanism for Criminal Tribunals
MRND	Mouvement révolutionnaire national pour le développement
NRA	National Resistance Army (Uganda)
NURC	National Unity and Reconciliation Commission
OBK	Organisation pour l'aménagement et le développement du bassin de la rivière Kagera
OCAM	Organisation commune africaine et malgache
OIF	Organisation internationale de la Francophonie
OTP	Office of the Prosecutor (ICTR)
Parmehutu	Parti du mouvement de l'émancipation hutu
PDC	Parti démocrate-chrétien
PL	Parti libéral
PSD	Parti social-démocrate
RADER	Rassemblement démocratique ruandais

List of Abbreviations

RDF	Rwanda Defence Force
RPA	Rwandan Patriotic Army
RPF	Rwandan Patriotic Front
RSF	Reporters sans frontières
RTLM	Radio Télévision Libre des Mille Collines
SCR	Service central des renseignements
UNAMIR	United Nations Assistance Mission for Rwanda
UNAR	Union nationale rwandaise
UNHCR	United Nations High Commission for Refugees
UNMIS	United Nations Mission in Sudan