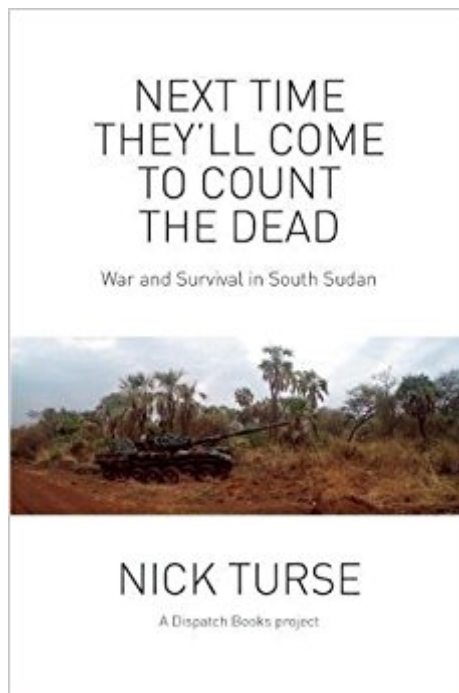




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# **Next Time They'll Come To Count The Dead: War And Survival In South Sudan (Dispatch Books)**



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A dramatic, true story of men and women trapped in the grip of war, *Next Time They'll Come to Count the Dead* is modern crisis reporting at its best. For six weeks in the Spring of 2015, award-winning journalist Nick Turse traveled on foot as well as by car, SUV, and helicopter around war-torn South Sudan talking to military officers and child soldiers, United Nations officials and humanitarian workers, civil servants, civil society activists, and internally displaced persons—people whose lives had been blown apart by a ceaseless conflict there. In fast-paced and dramatic fashion, Turse reveals the harsh reality of modern warfare in the developing world and the ways people manage to survive the unimaginable. *Next Time They'll Come to Count the Dead* isn't about combat, it's about the human condition, about ordinary people thrust into extraordinary circumstances, about death, life, and the crimes of war in the newest nation on earth.

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Nick Turse I know well, having read some of his excellent postings in *TomDispatch.com*. His account of horrible events of the (first) civil war in South Sudan is shocking. He is able to open up pages of springs of human hatred, unbelievable cruelty. When you finish the book, you hope that peace has been finally achieved. It is sorry that this history repeats itself in this poor country.

I am a Nick Turse fan, but this is a relentlessly depressing book. Honest and truthful, but sad.

Nick Turse depicts the war as the human tragedy that it truly is. He provided great insight into the psychosocial processes that are the origins of this conflict.

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