

# Bite of the Mango



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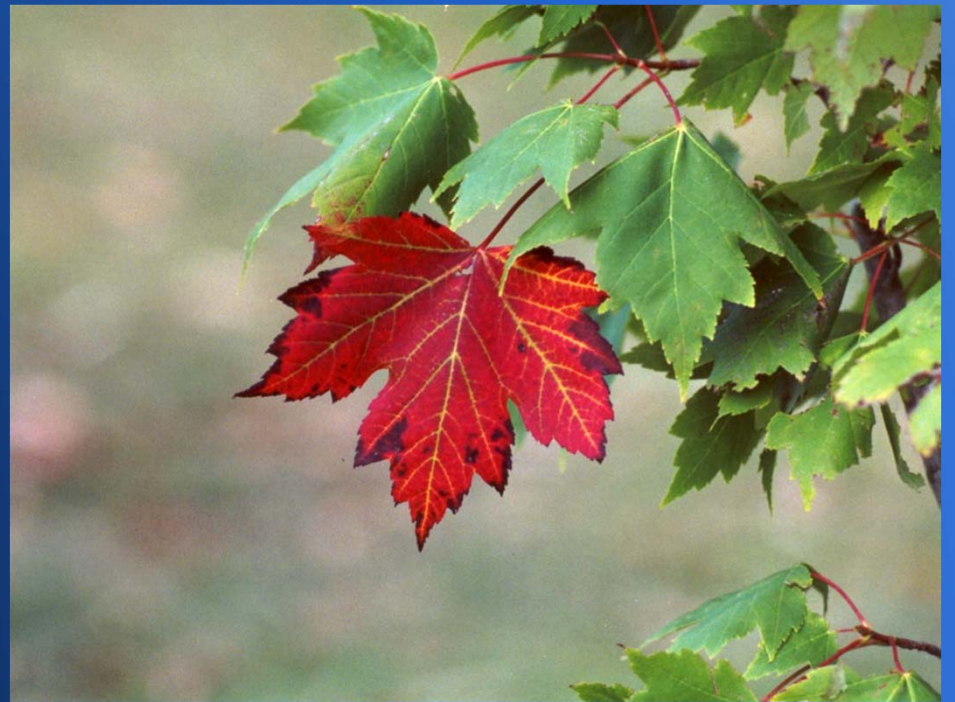


- Mariatu was a normal 12 yr old kid, until the day her town was attacked by rebels. They terrorized those who didn't get away in time, which resulted in her losing her hands. She also had to watch other people dying. She reached a hospital later on in her journey and found out she was pregnant. She was 12. She had her baby, but he got sick. He ended up passing away, but things turned around for her. She came to Canada and she now has her own charity sponsoring children and women in Africa.

# Red Maple; Forest of Reading

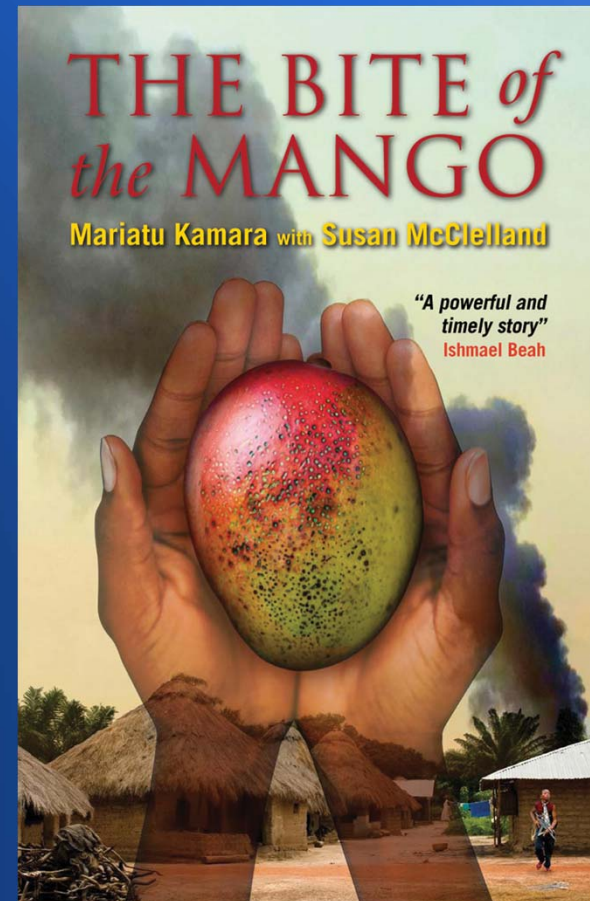
We decided to read this book from the “Forest of Reading”, and it was called “*Bite of the Mango.*”

We thought maybe we should invite Mariatu to our school to talk about her journey.



# Bite of the Mango

Bite of the Mango tells of her journey through western Africa, and how she came to live in Canada. It explains how when she was twelve, Mariatu's hands were cut off by rebels. How she had a child at the age of 12, but he died, and came to terms with her losses. The book was a New York Times Best Seller. It's average rating is 8.3 out of 10. We recommend this book to anyone.



# Child soldiers & Rebels



- Children as young as 7 are trained to fight and use guns for someone else's war.
- Mariatu's hands were cut off by a child soldier that was the same age as her.
- Kids our age are asked to fight and kill.

# Sierra Leone

Sierra Leone is a country in the western part of Africa. In the past, it's had a problem with rebels. Mariatu is a refugee from the war caused by rebels.



# Fund raisers



- We thought a fun idea for a fund raiser would be a No Hands Break. People who would like to participate would pay \$2. No Hands Break is so we can experience what Mariatu Kamara goes through every day because of rebels. We hope that you'd participate.

# April 27, 1:30pm



On this date Mariatu is coming to College St. She will be coming to talk to us in person about her experiences and other things. She will be signing books for us to purchase. Book purchase is \$10.



# College St. Organizers



Heather & Allyya Gr.8

