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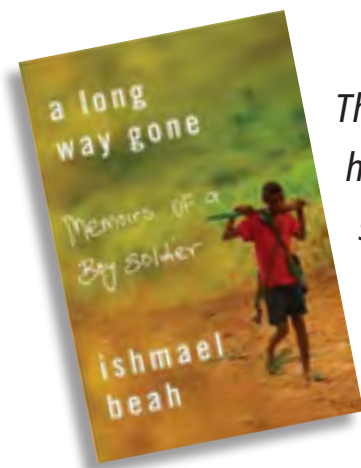
Ishmael Beah

8:00 p.m.

September 12, 2007

Loeb Playhouse

A Long Way Gone: Memoirs of a Boy Soldier



The first-person account of hope and redemption by a survivor who fought in Sierra Leone as a 12-year-old boy.

Book signing to follow

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Ishmael Beah came to the United States when he was seventeen, and graduated from Oberlin College. He lives in New York City and has been a guest on *The Daily Show with Jon Stewart*, C-SPAN, CNN, and NPR *Fresh Air*.

New York Times Bestseller

“Everyone in the world should read this book . . . We should read it to learn about the world and about what it means to be human.”

—Washington Post

“A breathtaking and unselfpitying account of how a gentle spirit survives a childhood from which all innocence has suddenly been sucked out. It’s a truly riveting memoir.”

—Time Magazine

“Extraordinary . . . A ferocious and desolate account of how ordinary children were turned into professional killers.”

— The Guardian UK

“Beah is a gifted writer . . . Read his memoir and you will be haunted . . . It’s a high price to pay, but it’s worth it.”

— Newsweek.com

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First discussion:

A Long Way Gone: Memoirs of a Boy Soldier
September 12th, 4:30 p.m.

Undergrounds in Hicks Undergraduate Library

All are welcome