

# *Rwanda*

**A land of rolling hills and a  
history steeped in many cultures**



JBryant-Taneda (adapted from Elizabeth Jones)

# History of Rwanda

- In the 1700s, Belgium missionaries collaborated with the minority Tutsi, landowners and cattle ownership, and took the superior position
- In the 1800s, Europeans further finalized these racial divisions by creating an idea of who was superior *Tutsi* (government positions) and inferior *Hutu* (no education or higher status working positions)
- The majority peasant Hutu were subjugated
- 1959-1960 Social tensions increased into social revolutions; democratic vote and Hutu won; oppressed became the oppressors
- Tutsi refugees and exiles created a rebel army
- In 1994, the Hutu created a solution to the Tutsi problem; it was an idea of extreme extermination called *The Final Solution*

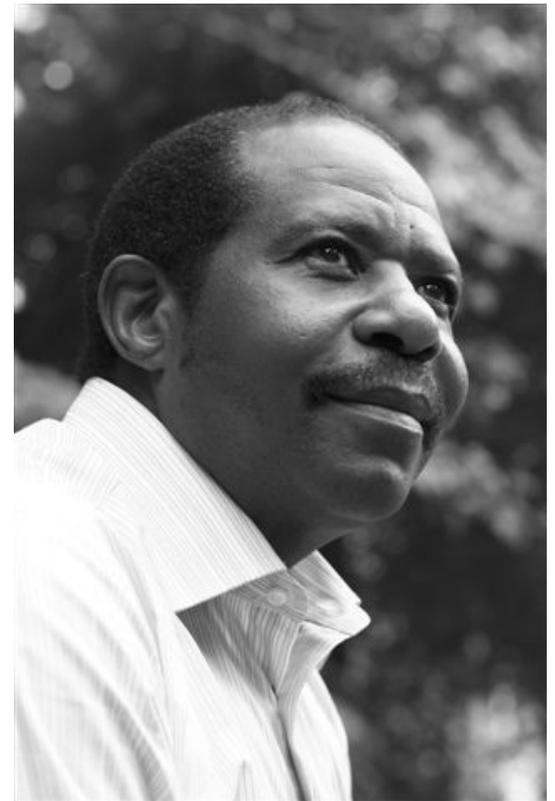
# Hollywood's *Hotel Rwanda* and Rwanda: A case of genocide

To this day, because of the 1994 genocide, Rwandans still bury the discovered remains of loved ones, ...in common graves...



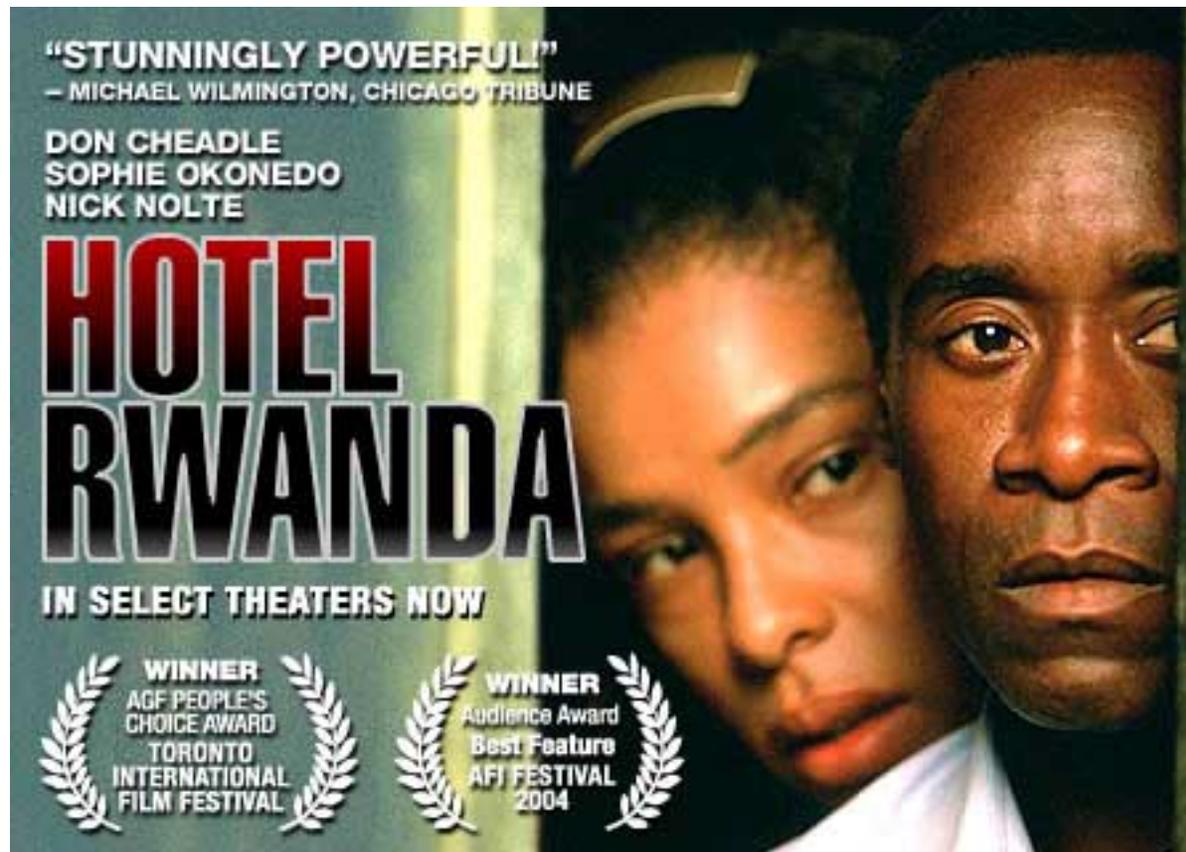
# Paul Rusesabagina

- Paul's story, which ultimately is how the story of the Rwandan genocide finally came to public awareness
- *We Wish to Inform You That We Will Be Killed with Our Families* (by Phillip Gourevitch), 1998
- Paul's autobiography, "An Ordinary Man", April 2006



# *Hotel Rwanda* 2004

- *Hotel Rwanda* was adapted from a screenplay written by George and Keir Pearson. It was directed by Terry George

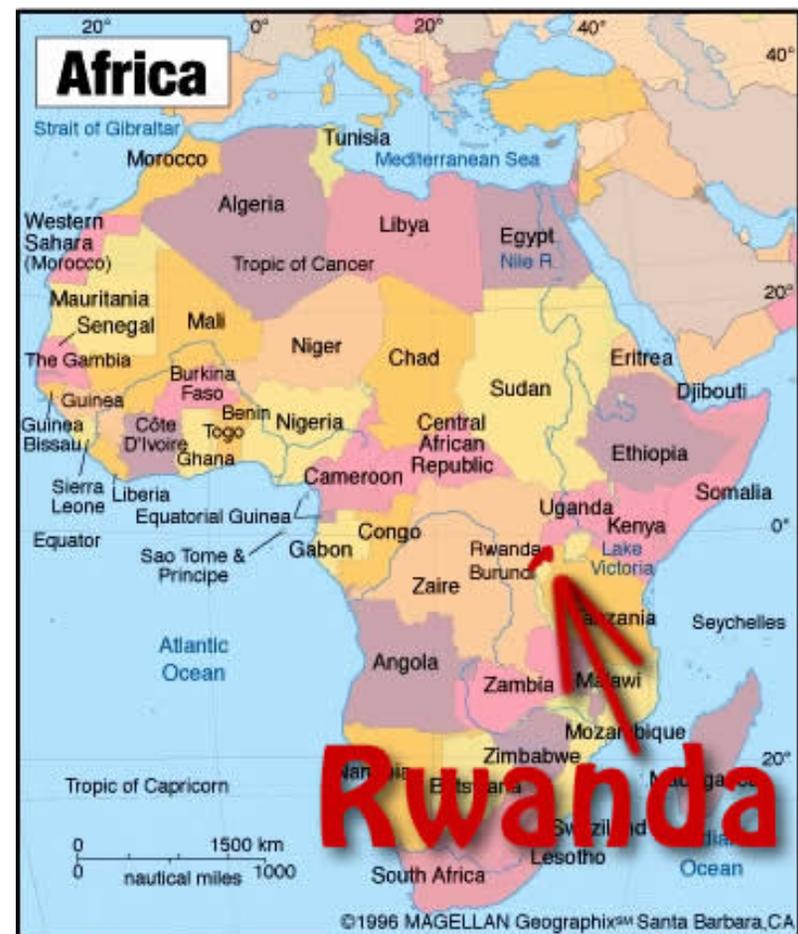


*Hotel Rwanda's* character,  
**Paul Rusesabagina: Real Life**

- Paul Rusesabagina is from the *Hutu* tribe; the Hutu tribe were the *working class*
- Paul married Tessi, a *Tutsi*; the Tutsi tribe were the *professional class*
- Paul housed Tutsi people against the Hutu militia (kind of like Schlinder of *Schlinder's List*)
- 800,000 Tutsi were killed from April-July 1994. This Tutsi genocide committed mainly by the Hutu, was virtually *unnoticed* by the rest of the world, as the world seemed to be fully focussed on the atrocities in the former *Yugoslavia*

# Rwanda is a small African country

Rwanda is landlocked by Uganda, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Tanzania, Burundi and Kenya



# Rwanda is the *land of a 1,000 hills*



- Size of **Rwanda**: 26,338 square km
- Compared to the size of **Vancouver Island**: 32,134 square km
- 90% of the population are farmers

# RWANDA: 5 Provinces

1. Northern Province
2. Eastern Province
3. Southern Province
4. Western Province
5. Kigali Province  
(location of the  
Capital)

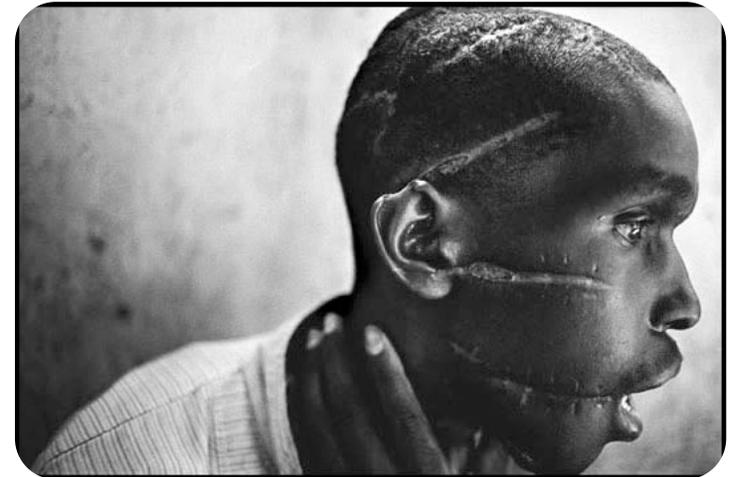


# 1994 RWANDAN Genocide

- April 6, 1994: A plane Crash killed the Rwandan and Burundian Presidents. The Hutu blamed the Tutsi.
- April 14, 1994: The Belgium withdrew its United Nations peacekeeping Forces.
- April 21, 1994: The UN voted to withdrawal most of the UNAMIR troops.
- July 4, 1994: The Rwandese Patriotic Front (RPF) took control



# The 1994 Rwandan Genocide



# Rwandan People Today



Elizabeth Jones is a survivor of the Rwandan genocide. Jones developed a Canadian NGO with the purpose to raise awareness and funds for elementary school libraries and athletics. She raises money and makes regular trips to ensure the items are given to the schools and the people's needs are met.