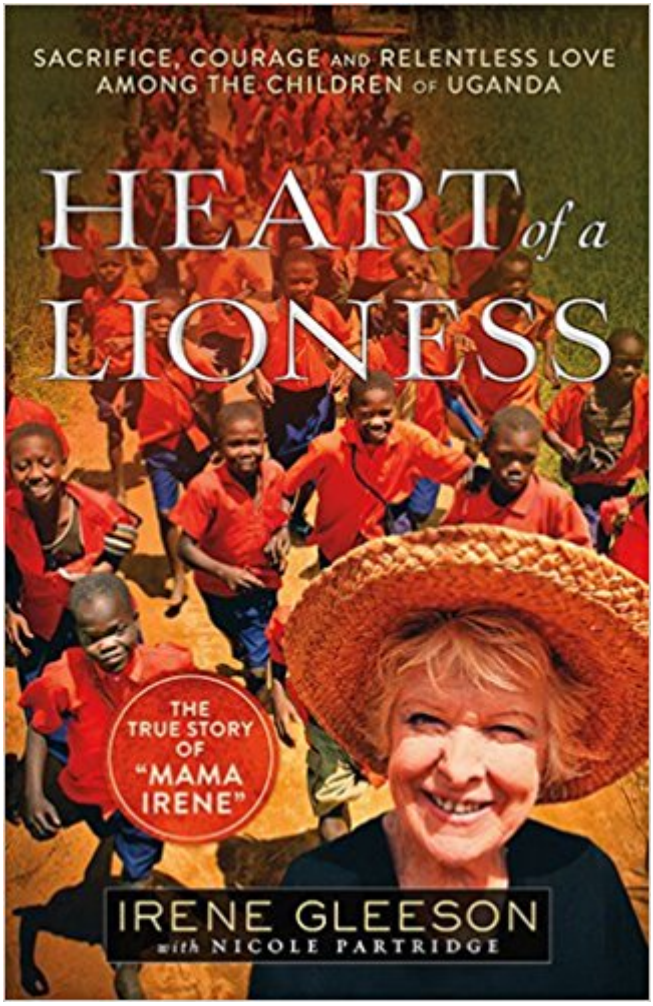
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Synopsis

At thirty-seven, Irene Gleeson was a broken woman. Her marriage had crumbled, her children were out of control and she had spiraled into a deep depression. Her life changed when she walked into a small beachside church in Sydney and encountered God. Ten years later, she was on a plane bound for northern Uganda to rescue war-affected children. Armed with nothing but faith, courage and dogged determination, Irene sold her beach home, said goodbye to family, and hauled her tiny caravan 13,000 kilometres from Australia to Kitgum an isolated community besieged by Joseph Kony and his brutal rebel group, the LRA. Under the shade of a mango tree, Mama Irene gathered the children of war and taught them to sing and read and write by scratching letters in the dust. And then, for the next twenty-two years, together with the locals, forged a ministry that would transform the lives of thousands of former child soldiers a work now applauded by the rest of the world. Heart of a Lioness bursts with drama and glows with miracles a tale that brings Africa’s culture and characters to life, capturing the horrors of war, the heartache of poverty, and the healing power of God s love through one woman. This story will captivate your imagination, challenge your beliefs and demonstrate that regardless of who you are, or where you ve come from with God, anything is possible.

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IRENE GLEESON In 1992, Irene Gleeson mother of four and grandmother of fifteen sold her home in Sydney, Australia and moved to Kitgum in war-torn northern Uganda, an area terrorized by rebel

leader Joseph Kony and his guerrilla group, the Lord's Resistance Army (LRA). Over the next twenty-two years, and against insurmountable odds, the woman affectionately known as Mama Irene rescued more than 20,000 traumatised children, providing them with education, food, and medicine. Today, the 450 staff of the Irene Gleeson Foundation educate, medicate, and feed more than 8,000 children, and that number continues to grow every day. Irene Gleeson passed away July 21, 2013 after a courageous battle with cancer. NICOLE PARTRIDGE Nicole Partridge is a freelance journalist and writer who has co-authored several books and written for The Guardian Weekend Magazine (UK), Marie Claire Magazine (Australia), Charisma Magazine (USA), and the Sydney Morning Herald. Nicole writes full-time from her home in Sydney, Australia and attends Hillsong Church with her husband, Scott, and their two daughters.

This book is moving, real, and inspirational. I am in awe of Irene and all she was able to accomplish in the face of such adversity. I am challenged and convicted to live a life more marked by love and compassion after reading this book. Beyond the feel-good nature of the book, it is remarkably well-written, exciting and fascinating. Its wonderful to gain perspective on an issue in the headlines (the LRA insurgency) from someone who lived it. Buy this book - you won't regret it.

This is a MUST READ -- for anyone who cares about children anywhere-- but especially in Uganda where Joseph Kony and the LRA terrorized and destroyed the lives of the Acholi in Northern Uganda. No one over 20 years did more for those who were abandoned , kidnaped, and left with nothing than Irene Gleeson . Irene -- middle aged -- heard God's whisper - she listened and facing impossible odds held Jesus hand and went to the northernmost part of Uganda , just south of Sudan to the town of Kitgum and brought not only God's message , she set up schools for children and adults , fed the hungry, took care of the sick but most of all brought LOVE . Irene passed away in 2013 but her efforts live on in this beautiful country -- incredible well written and emotionally draining -- this is a MUST READ

I have just finished reading this book and I loved it. It challenged me on many levels...what Mama Irene sacrificed was immense and yet she did it anyway. Her love of God and His love of her is evident throughout the book. She thrived and stayed alive in impossible circumstances and her faith and reliance on God will leave you questioning how you live your own life in a 1st world country. Beautifully written and hard to put down...I highly recommend it...it challenged and changed my perspective on 'faith' in so many ways.Better yet, the Irene Gleeson Foundation continues today

despite her graduation to heaven...you will want to support her wonderful work after reading this book.

An powerfully-written, inspiring book that shows what one person can accomplish to help the poor, the suffering, and the starving children in a war zone. Inspired by God and directed by the Holy Spirit, Irene Gleeson builds schools, a hospice, a maternity facility, dormitories and a church. In the most difficult conditions, she builds enough schools to educate thousands of students. This book shows how the power of prayer, hard work, and inspired leadership can create miracles and save thousands of lives. Every page of the book is fascinating and compelling. Of the thousands of books I own, this book is among my most treasured.

This is an amazing story told from the respective of a courageous follower of God. If you like books about children and people of East Africa, you will enjoy reading about this adventure.

What an amazing story of the life one person can live if they stay focused on our Heavenly Father rather than on self. Thank YOU ABBA for YOUR Vision for each of us. And thank you Irene Gleeson for following JESUS to the ends of the Earth and living a life of LOVE on behalf of "the least of These" - The Beloved Children of our Heavenly Father. May each of us allow GOD to dream HIS SACRED DREAMS through us. To HIM be THE GLORY, Today and Forever.

Having known Irene through our church in Sydney and having heard her speak was one thing, but to read of the journey and its highs and lows, Wow! talk about stamina and faithfulness. What an amazing legacy over so many years seeing so many lives taken from horor to healing as well as being equipped and trained to rebuild their communities. Rest in Gods eternal love now Irene xx

Amazing story of wholehearted devotion to Christ! One of the best books I have ever read. I cannot stop thinking about it. Irene is a true hero of the faith!

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