

## Advance Praise for *A PEOPLE TALL AND SMOOTH*

“Although much has been written about the Lost Boys of Sudan who resettled in large groups in the United States beginning in 2000, very little, if anything, has been written about the countless Sudanese who fled alone to neighboring countries such as Egypt in an effort to escape the civil war between north and south Sudan ... until now.

“For the first time, Judy Pex breaks the silence, unfolding the perilous journey of Sudanese refugees that fled to Egypt only to find continued hardships and persecution, which ultimately led them to make the dangerous choice of illegally crossing the Egyptian border in search of a better life in Israel. For many, it was a choice that came at tremendous cost: imprisonment, separation from their children and spouses, hunger, brutal beatings and death. It’s a story of resilience, determination and the choice for freedom—at all cost.”

**Joan Hecht, award-winning author of *The Journey of the Lost Boys***

“The breadth and depth of the book is quite breathtaking. The style of letting refugees such as Gabriel, Yien, Rose and the two Munas relate their own stories, makes for compelling reading, relaying as they do the terrible sufferings, hardships, rejections, and fortitude of thousands of Sudanese in recent years. I first met the author and her husband, John, when I worked in Israel. Through their ministry in Eilat, Israel, the Pexes have shown a great heart of love for all who come their way, irrespective of color, creed or culture.... This book deserves a wide audience.”

**David Price, retired former rector of Christ Church in Jerusalem**

“This spellbinding book which gives the reader a heart-wrenching look into the lives of five special human beings who have suffered incredible persecution puts a human face on the statistics we hear concerning Sudan.”

**Fran Boyle, Director CLIM (Connecting Lives International Mission) USA**

“I am from Binti in south Sudan. We love the book that Judy Pex wrote. I hope those who read it will understand us Sudanese better. We love the family of Judy and John. They help us with everything.”

**Simon Koang, Sudanese Refugee**

“Judy Pex writes with a deep understanding not only of Israel and her refugees but of human nature and God’s heart for all His children. Pex will move you with her words, her details, and the experiences of those with whom she has worked. She and her husband are living examples of God’s arms that are open to everyone.”

**Eric Wilson, *NY Times* bestselling novelist**

“Sudan’s civil war claimed the lives of millions and displaced far more as the mostly Muslim Arab north warred with the mostly Christian and animist south. *A People Tall & Smooth* shares the stories of Sudanese refugees who fled their nation’s carnage in search of a better life and country. Their journey reminds us of the words in Hebrews 11:16, ‘But now they desire a better, that is, a heavenly country..’ Their stories will challenge the church to be salt and light to those seeking such a land.”

**Corey Odden, CEO of The Voice of the Martyrs-Canada**

“Judy’s ability to tell the moving and important story of the Sudanese refugees is both unusual and enjoyable. This book, which includes five personal stories, should be heard and echoed around the world. It comes at exactly the right time.”

**Ofir Malki, representative for ASSAF, Aid Organization  
for Refugees and Asylum Seekers in Israel**

“An excellent book on the decades of horrific suffering inflicted upon the Sudanese people and the opportunity taken by one couple to be the hands and feet of Christ to the least and the lost at the time of their desperate need. I find *A People Tall & Smooth* to be accurate, educational and challenging.”

**William N. Deans, MUSTARD SEED INTERNATIONAL**