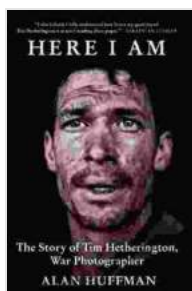# The Story of Tim Hetherington: War Photographer, Filmmaker, and Humanitarian

Tim Hetherington was a British photojournalist and filmmaker who covered some of the most dangerous conflicts of his time. His work has been praised for its honesty, compassion, and its ability to capture the human toll of war. Hetherington was killed in 2011 while covering the Libyan Civil War. His death was a tragic loss to the world of photojournalism, but his legacy continues to inspire and inform.

Early Life and Career

Tim Hetherington was born in Liverpool, England, in 1970. He studied photography at the University of Wales, Newport, and began his career as a photojournalist in the early 1990s. Hetherington's early work focused on social issues in the United Kingdom, but he soon turned his attention to conflict photography. In 1999, he covered the Kosovo War, and in 2001, he covered the War in Afghanistan.

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Hetherington's work from these conflicts was widely acclaimed for its honesty and compassion. He was not interested in sensationalizing war. Instead, he wanted to show the human toll of conflict, and the impact of war on civilians.

War Photographer

In 2007, Hetherington co-directed the documentary film *Restrepo* with Sebastian Junger. The film follows a platoon of American soldiers in the Korengal Valley in Afghanistan. *Restrepo* was a critical and commercial success, and it won the Grand Jury Prize at the Sundance Film Festival. The film also brought Hetherington's work to a wider audience.

Hetherington continued to cover conflict zones throughout the 2000s. He covered the Iraq War, the Libyan Civil War, and the Syrian Civil War. His work from these conflicts has been published in major publications around the world, and it has been exhibited in galleries and museums.
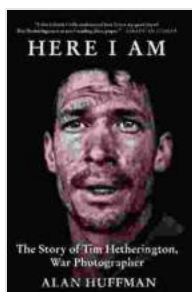
Humanitarian Work

In addition to his work as a photojournalist and filmmaker, Hetherington was also a humanitarian. He co-founded the charity organization Human Rights Watch in 2003, and he served on the board of directors of the International Committee of the Red Cross. Hetherington was also a strong advocate for the protection of civilians in conflict zones.

Death and Legacy

Tim Hetherington was killed on April 20, 2011, while covering the Libyan Civil War. He was killed by a rocket-propelled grenade while he was accompanying rebel fighters in the city of Misrata. Hetherington's death was a tragic loss to the world of photojournalism. He was a talented photographer and filmmaker, and his work had a profound impact on the way we understand war.

Hetherington's legacy continues to inspire and inform. His work is a reminder of the human toll of war, and the importance of protecting civilians in conflict zones. Hetherington was a courageous and compassionate journalist, and his work will continue to make a difference in the world.
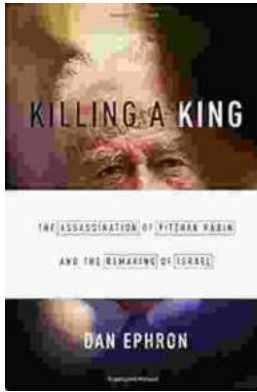
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