

# The Peacelords

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Thanks to them, war recedes. They are the 'Peacelords'. Discreet, they shun the TV cameras attracted by the smell of blood. They are the intermediaries and facilitators. For the last twenty years, in spite of such human dramas as the massacres in Bosnia and Rwanda, they have been making headways, inventing a new Art of Peace, unprecedented in the history of mankind.

Since the end of the Cold War, French journalist and writer Roger Faligot has been following them closely. He has interviewed them and describes their networks and the stubborn methods they use to secure peace processes, from Ireland to the Basque country, from the Balkans to Burundi, Sudan, Guatemala, Sri-Lanka, Tibet and Kashmir.

Roger Faligot profiles these men and women of goodwill, mainly Europeans, who have managed to demilitarize child-soldiers, re-educate former guerrillas and warlords, bring formerly hostile clans to peaceful cohabitation, bring new democracies to life.

In spite of the US-Iraqi war and the deadly Jihad launched by Al-Qaeda, the Muslim world is undergoing major changes, in Algeria, Lebanon, Pakistan and Indonesia. In the Israeli-Palestinian theater of operations, the narrow path of peace, initiated in Oslo, is taking a new direction.

Roger Faligot tells the untold odyssey of these 'Peacelords' and helps us decipher contemporary history. Hope is not abandoned. Not a question of optimism but rather of proper information.

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