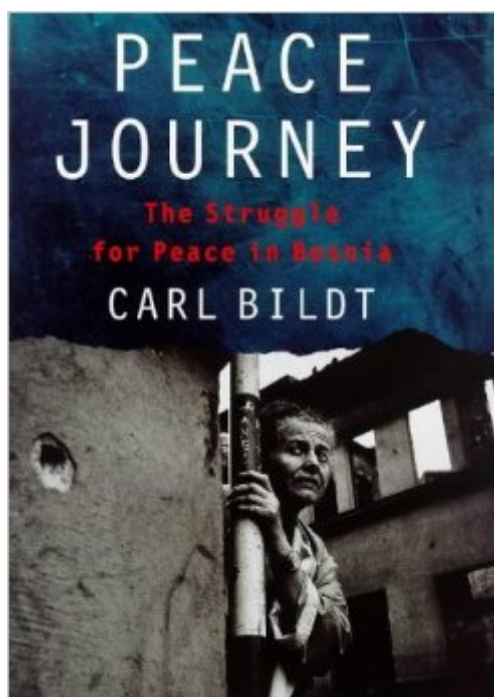


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# Peace Journey: The Struggle For Peace In Bosnia



## Synopsis

Offered the job of succeeding David Owen as the European negotiator in Bosnia, Carl Bildt thought hard before accepting. Sustaining a coherent diplomatic initiative is exhausting and exasperating work, and the difficulties, disappointments and even betrayals he suffered in the job, amply justified his hesitation. But the prize of seeing Bosnians beginning to put together the pieces of their country was a great reward. There are powerful and poignant moments, and Carl Bildt provides new information on some turning points in the Balkan saga, such as the mass killings at Srebrenica, the Croat capture of the Krajinas, and the tragic failure to prevent the Serb exodus from Sarajevo.

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With his customary ambitiousness, Carl Bildt sets out to explain the war in Bosnia, and how it eventually was brought to an end. In doing this, Bildt grants himself maybe too central a role in the peace process. Bildt does not try to hide how annoying he found the Clinton administration's attempts to control the European events. The account is certainly interesting, however maybe somewhat too detailed.

"The Struggle For Peace in Bosnia" (original title: "Uppdrag: fred") is Carl Bildt's own account for his time as the UN High Representative in Bosnia. The mission at the time was to build and keep the peace in Bosnia after the war that followed the breakdown of former Yugoslavia. In his book, Bildt does not hesitate to say exactly what he thinks about individuals and about the sometimes absurd

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