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An investigation on the assassination of a poor Tutsi man serves as the pretext to this vast, English fictional epic, which evokes as much the landscapes and mentalities of Rwanda as the idealistic illusions of certain Belgian administrators, for whom Africa became the true homeland. It is first the daily life of Africans and Europeans in Rwanda starting in the 1950s that the author revives, spinning as a backdrop the premises of the Rwandan Revolution. A crime novel as much it is historical fiction, *The Man Who Demanded Fire* is a crucial document for those who wish to understand the Rwanda of today.

Ivan Reisdorff (1913-1981), who lived in Rwanda until 1959, occupied important functions there, and was named a resident in Urundi as well as a representative to the United Nations of the territories under Belgian tutelage.