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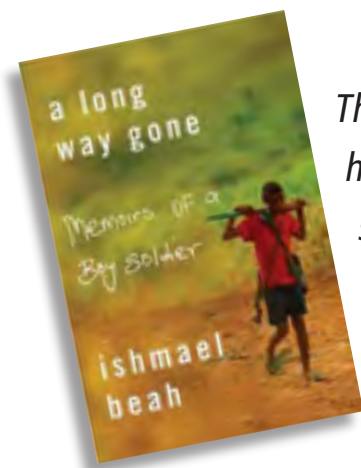
## Ishmael Beah

8:00 p.m.

September 12, 2007

Loeb Playhouse

### ***A Long Way Gone: Memoirs of a Boy Soldier***



*The first-person account of hope and redemption by a survivor who fought in Sierra Leone as a 12-year-old boy.*

**Book signing to follow**

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Ishmael Beah came to the United States when he was seventeen, and graduated from Oberlin College. He lives in New York City and has been a guest on *The Daily Show with Jon Stewart*, C-SPAN, CNN, and NPR *Fresh Air*.

### **New York Times Bestseller**

*“Everyone in the world should read this book . . . We should read it to learn about the world and about what it means to be human.”*

—Washington Post

*“A breathtaking and unselfpitying account of how a gentle spirit survives a childhood from which all innocence has suddenly been sucked out. It’s a truly riveting memoir.”*

—Time Magazine

*“Extraordinary . . . A ferocious and desolate account of how ordinary children were turned into professional killers.”*

— The Guardian UK

*“Beah is a gifted writer . . . Read his memoir and you will be haunted . . . It’s a high price to pay, but it’s worth it.”*

— Newsweek.com

### **The Diversity Café: “Reading Diversity”**

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**First discussion:**

***A Long Way Gone: Memoirs of a Boy Soldier***  
September 12th, 4:30 p.m.

***Undergrounds in Hicks Undergraduate Library***

**All are welcome**