

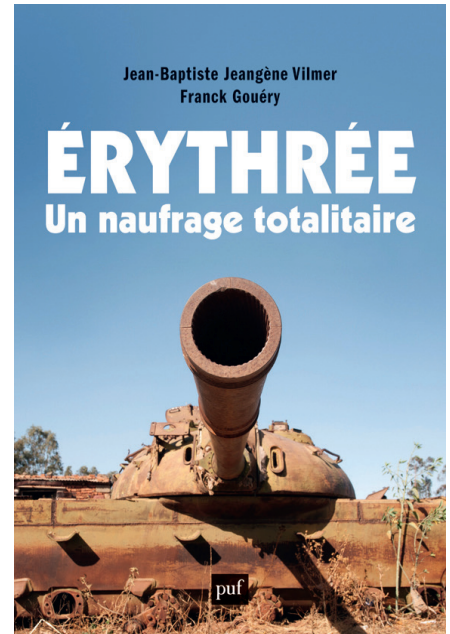
ERITREA : A FAILED TOTALITARIANISM

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What exactly lies behind the Eritrean exodus? Every year, tens of thousands flee their country. Why risk your life in the desert, at the hands of people smugglers in the Sinai or in Libya, before crossing the Mediterranean – what has become ‘the deadliest passage in the world’ – to get to Europe?

Often described as Africa’s North Korea, Eritrea is one of the last remaining totalitarian states. After conducting a field investigation, the authors explore the origin, nature and disintegration of a regime in its death throes. Providing both a detailed analysis of Eritrean policy and a case study of the political philosophy of totalitarianism, they defend the appropriateness of the concept of ‘failed’ totalitarianism in order to explain the collapse of a State at the root of one of the greatest tragedies of the beginning of the 21st century. The book contains fifty photos taken in Eritrea.



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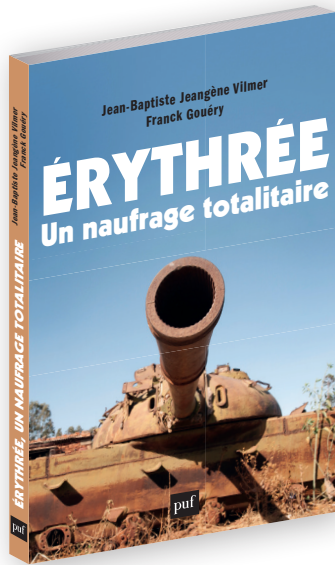
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