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“Ban Ki-moon has had an extraordinary and inspirational life, not least given the extreme poverty in which he grew up. You admire his ambition, tenacity and patience in achieving global consensus for the incredibly important Sustainable Development Goals. But you also appreciate the golden thread that weaves its way through this book—his humanity. A true public servant, whose compassion shines throughout.”

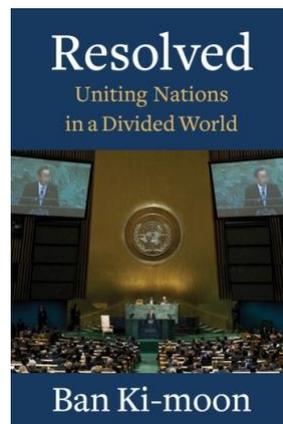
- **Tony Blair, former Prime Minister of the United Kingdom**

RESOLVED

Uniting Nations in a Divided World

by

Ban Ki-moon



Born just one year before the United Nations itself, Ban Ki-moon came of age with the world body. His earliest memories are haunted by the sound of bombs dropping on his village and the sight of fires consuming what remained. At six years old he fled with his family, trudging for miles in mud-soaked shoes, suffering from incessant hunger, and wondering how they would survive—until the United Nations rescued them. And after he experienced its lifesaving mission firsthand, this organization would become his life’s calling.

RESOLVED: United Nations in a Divided World (Columbia University Press/June 2021/\$27.95) is Ban Ki-moon’s personal account of his ten years at the helm of the world body at a time of historic turmoil and promise. Ban performed what has been called “the world’s most impossible job” with a natural ability to relate to the poor and struggling people

the organization was created to serve and a genuine belief in its capacity for global transformation. He explores past flashpoints—including the September 11 terrorist attacks, engaging the Kim dynasty in North Korea, the Paris climate accords, the Ebola outbreak, the Arab Spring, and managing the UN’s relationship with the United States—to offer the story of diplomatic lessons learned. Freed from the diplomatic constraints that come with the job, he offers a frank and bracing look at the people and events that shaped our era as well as a piercing analysis of what lies ahead.

ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Ban Ki-moon is a South Korean diplomat and former foreign minister who served as the eighth Secretary-General of the United Nations from January 2007 to December 2016. Throughout his career, Ban has worked to mobilize international efforts against a slate of global pressures including the climate crisis, extreme poverty and armed conflict to make the world a safer and more equitable place. His motto: Mission Possible.

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“This is a warm, readable account by Ban Ki-moon of his 10-year term as UN Secretary General, and of his aim from the beginning to prioritize the climate crisis. At a time of increasing skepticism, his humble humanitarian concern and intense dedication should do much to restore confidence in the core values of the UN.”

- **Mary Robinson, former President of Ireland, former UN High Commissioner for Human Rights and Chair of The Elders**

“Can we not only imagine, but actually build a better world? A farsighted global statesman not only says yes—but shows us how.”

- **Graham Allison, author of *Destined for War: Can America and China Escape Thucydides’s Trap?***