When he was only seven, Francis Bok watched the Sudanese militia storm his village in southern Sudan. For years he lived as a slave. Later, he was arrested and imprisoned by security forces for speaking openly among the city's refugee camps about his years of slavery. Mr. Bok was finally released in 1999 and granted UN Refugee Status. Since then, he has been featured in The New York Times, The Wall Street Journal, The Boston Globe, and Essence Magazine, in addition to several radio and television shows. Mr. Bok became the first escaped slave to testify before the Senate Committee on Foreign Relations in Washington, D.C. His 2003 autobiography Escape From Slavery (St. Martin’s Press) was received with widespread critical acclaim from Entertainment Weekly, Publisher's Weekly, The Boston Globe and the San Francisco Chronicle.