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"Tell It to the World reads partly like a mystery novel and partly like a courtroom drama, while still providing a plea from the heart to reconsider how ideas of "justice" and "injustice" have been used to enflame hatreds and political violence from the former Yugoslavia to Rwanda. A powerful and important book." (*Hilary Weston Writer's Trust Prize, 2015 - Jury Citation*)

Tell It to the World is a haunting and poignant and remarkable book. To read it is to gain some greater understanding of humanity. (*Blacklocks Reporter*)

With the clarity and precision honed through the writing of countless legal briefs, Behar makes his case by leading us from the operations of the ICTY, the trial records of massacres that took place in Kosovo in 1999 and the efforts made to hide the bodies to a profound meditation on the implications of "justice." (*Winnipeg Free Press*)

Tell It to the World is a difficult read, but a necessary one, given that, to paraphrase Life magazine's rationale for publishing Robert Capa's graphic 1930s Spanish Civil War photographs, the dead need to be spoken about so that they did not die in vain. (*Quill & Quire*)

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Elliott Behar is a former war crimes prosecutor and Crown Attorney who writes about justice, psychology and human rights. His first book, *Tell It To The World*, was shortlisted for the Weston Writer's Trust prize in 2015.

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