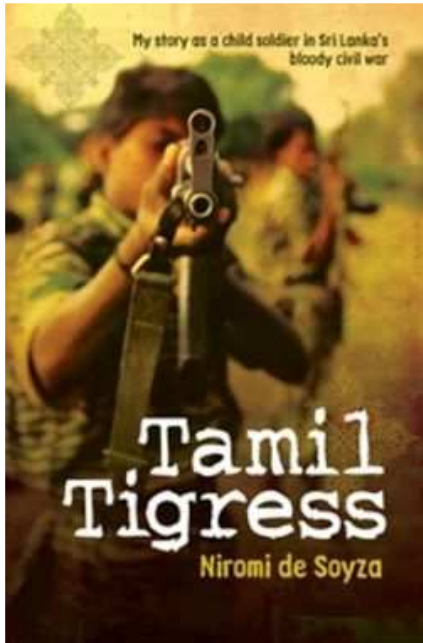


Tamil Tigress

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Tamil Tigress is the intriguing story of a young girl growing up in Sri Lanka in the midst of a civil war.

At the age of just 17, Niromi de Soyza found herself equipped with nothing more than a rifle and a cyanide capsule as she became one of the first females soldiers to join the Tamil Tigers - still seen by many today as a terrorist organisation.

So how does a teenager from a mixed-race, middle class, Catholic family end up involved with a militant guerilla group?

Tamil Tigress tells Niromi's journey as a child growing up in Sri Lanka, her Catholic education and ultimate involvement with the Tamil Tigers.

At times graphic, she details her friends being killed around her in one ambush and just how close she came to suffering the same fate.

Today she lives a normal suburban life in Sydney with her husband and two children.

Naomi de Soyza told her story to Ashley Walsh on 891 Afternoons.