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Between colonialism, exile, and war, Paul Malapa and Suzanne Rubin live incredible, emotionally shattering lives marked by struggle, love, and the search for justice.

Paul Malapa and Suzanne Chochana Rubin, figures from a tortured era, live out a life far from ordinary, marked by colonialism and war. Paul, born to a dispossessed Cameroonian royal family, grows up shuttling between Germany and Paris, where she meets Suzanne, daughter to a family of exiled Polish Jews. A boxer, Paul becomes a trainer to the Rubins' eldest son and finds love. World War II upends their lives as they scramble between free zones, threats, and other challenges. Benny Malapa delivers a poignant story of racism, the struggle for identity, and the search for justice.