“Romance and Reality in Humanitarian Action”

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In some of his many books, he has noted “the incredible beauty of humanity” even in conflict and volatile zones. He is passionate about education for children in such situations. For many years he has argued that “humanitarian work could be a Bridge to Peace.”