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THE TAKING OF THE SLAVER MEERMIN 1776 / Dan Sleigh & Piet Westra. Africana Publishers, South Africa 2013

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The Meermin was taken over by the slaves being carried into captivity from their native Madagascar. Many of the crew were killed in the uprising and the slaves then negotiated with the remaining crew to steer the ship back to Madagascar. However, the ship was beached at Struisbaai on the Cape coast near Agulhas, after the crew convinced the slaves that the land they could see was indeed their homeland. The slaves were re-enslaved; and the two surviving leaders were sent to Robben Island where Masavana (a wealthy Madagascan farmer who had been invited by his king to inspect the Meermin and was stripped of his fine clothes and jewellery by the king's men en route to the ship and then sold as a slave) only survived two years of labouring in the lime quarry before dying; and the other, Koesaaij, was still on the "Bandietrolle" fourteen years later. The senior sailors on the ship lost their jobs, but most of the crew regained their positions with the VOC.

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Cape Town Then and Now / Vincent van Graan Struik Travel & Heritage, South Africa 2013 159 p.: ill. 9781920545918

The book draws on the superb photographic collections of the Western Cape Archives, including the work of Arthur Elliott, Thomas Ravenscroft and Henry Steer. These images portray the changing Cape Town scene from the 1880s to the 1930s – landscape, architecture, transport, recreation and the march of history. Where possible, the modern-day photographs, which include spectacular aerial panoramas, have been shot from the same locations as the originals. Detailed captions explain the differences between the old and the new views, and bring out fascinating continuities over time. Cape Town Then and Now is a visual journey that will appeal to Capetonians and visitors alike.

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Marikana : A View From The Mountain And A Case To Answer / Peter Alexander Jacana, South Africa 2013

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Through a series of interviews conducted with workers who survived the attack, this account documents and examines the controversial shootings in great detail. In addition, it includes a narrative of the preceding events as well as of the violence itself written from the perspective of the strikers. Unique and revealing, his book tells of police murders, sadness, bravery, and pride.

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The If Man: Dr Leander Starr Jameson, the Inspiration for Kipling's Masterpiece / Chris Ash

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A rollicking biography of Dr Leander Starr Jameson hero, roque and rascal of Empire and the man who inspired Kipling to write his masterpiece, If The famous poem by Rudyard Kipling is based on the life of Jameson, and the suffering he endured as a result of the doomed raid that he and his Rhodesian and Bechuanaland policemen carried out against Paul Kruger 's Transvaal Republic in 1896. In this engaging biography in the style of Wilbur Smith-meets-Louis I Amour Ash recounts the life of this colonial statesman known as Dr Jim or simply The Doctor . He was an enigmatic man; when he died The Times estimated that his astonishing personal sway over his followers was equalled only by that of Parnell, the Irish patriot. During the fervour of the South African diamond rush Parnell, the Irish patriot. During the fervour of the South African diamond rush Jameson established a small medical practice in Kimberley in 1878; it was here that he met and forged a lifelong friendship with Cecil John Rhodes. Jameson 's thirst for adventure, coupled with Rhodes 's dream of expanding the British Empire from the Cape to Cairo, led under Royal Charter to the British South Africa Company to the occupation of Mashonaland in 1890, with Jameson having laid the groundwork in his political dealings with Lobengula, king of the Matabele. And so began Jameson 's rollercoaster adventure: from Administrator of Mashonaland, to the invasion of Portuguese East Africa (Mozambique), the Matabele War and the infamous Jameson Raid and his subsequent trial and incarceration in London Despite the raid, Jameson had a successful political life. incarceration in London.Despite the raid, Jameson had a successful political life. He died on 26 November 1917 in London. His body was laid in a vault at Kensal Green cemetery where it remained until the end of the First World War. Ian Colvin wrote in 1923 that Jameson 's body was then ... carried to Rhodesia and on 22 May 1920, laid in a grave cut in the granite on the top of the mountain which Rhodes had called The View of the World in the Matopos Hills near Bulawayo], close beside the grave of his friend.

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Govan Mbeki - A Jacana Pocket History / Colin Bundy Jacana Media, South Africa 2012 168p.; 9781431404872

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This biography of Govan Mbeki (1910-2001), activist and intellectual, goes beyond the narrative details of his long life. Drawing on lengthy interviews with 'Oom Gov', it analyses his thinking, expressed in his writings over 50 years. This helps establish what is distinctive about him: as African nationalist and as committed Marxist - more than any other leader of the liberation movement, he sought to link theory and practice, ideas and action. The biography also explores controversial aspects of Mbeki's personality and career: his reputation as a hardliner, the personal and psychological price paid for militancy, and his role in the tensions within the ANC leadership on Robben Island.

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South African Battles / Tim Couzens Jonathan Ball Publishers, South Africa 2013 xii, 415 p. 9781868425716 \$ 39.00 / HB

Who, for instance, has heard of the battles of Nakob, Middelpos, Mome Gorge or Mushroom Valley? Who knows about the four black women that Bartolomeu Dias brought with him on his pioneering voyage of exploration? Who knows that there was a significant battle in what is now the Kruger National Park in 1725? Who knows about the military episode where not a shot was fired but which brought South Africa into the Great War? Who knows that Germany once invaded South

Written in a light, humorous and personal style, each chapter is self-contained, like a short story. They can be read one a night, and mulled over next day with the promise of further enjoyment to come. South African Battles is an ideal bedside book, as well as an engaging travel companion. But there is also a twist in the tale at the end. Caveat lector, or lectrix!

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INTO THE HITHER UNKNOWN: Ensign Beutler's expedition to the Eastern Cape, 1752 / Crampton, Hazel

Van Riebeeck Society, South Africa 2013

209 p.;

\$ 40.00 / HB

Governor Rijk Tulbagh equipped the Beutler Expedition with the purpose of obtaining knowledge of the "hitherto unknown condition of these interior lands" beyond Mossel Bay. The expedition's journal provides insight into the pre-colonial Eastern Cape of the mid 18th century.

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WRITTEN CULTURE IN A COLONIAL CONTEXT: Africa and the Americas, 1500-1900 / Ed. Delmas, Adrien & Penn, Nigel

UCT Press, South Africa 2013

364 p.: ill., maps. 9781919895260 \$ 55.00 / HB

This book explores the extent to which the types of written information that resulted during colonial expansion shaped the numerous and complex processes of cultural exchange from the 16th century onwards in Africa and the Americas.

There is very little in the modern literature on the history of written culture that describes specific practices related to writing that were anchored in the colonial context: from introducing writing into societies without alphabets, to the ships' logs kept by captains, which were often the first documents written on previously unknown cultures. It was not just ships, soldiers and missionaries that drove the process of European expansion from the 16th to the 19th centuries. The circulation of images, manuscripts and books between different continents played a key role too.

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The Hidden Thread - Russia And South Africa In The Soviet Era / Irina Filatova Jonathan Ball Publishers, South Africa 2013

xii, 553 p.;ill.

9781868424993

\$ 45.00 / HB

The Hidden Thread is a journey of revelation about the relationship between Soviet Russia and South Africa, hidden for most of its length. The story is told with insight and depth by Irina Filatova and Apollon Davidson, who have had a decades long association researching and writing on Russian and South African politics and history. This insightful work follows the often surprising twists and turns of the history of South Africa's relationship with Russia and its people which started in the eighteenth century and is still very much alive today.

The story evolves from the Russian volunteers who fought alongside the Boers in the Anglo-Boer War to South Africans who participated in the Russian revolution and civil war; from the Russian Jewish immigration to South Africa to the close involvement of the South African communists in the Communist International; from the Soviet consulates in South Africa and the activities of South Africa's Friends of the Soviet Union Society during the Second World War to the vicissitudes of the Cold War and the 'hot' war in Angola; from the SACP and ANC's relations with the USSR to the volte-face of perestroika and South Africa's transition and to today's business, political, cultural and sometimes criminal connections between Russians and South Africans.

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EIGHTEEN YEARS IN SOUTH AFRICA: a Swedish gold-digger's account of his adventures in the land of gold, 1877-1896 / Karrstrom, E.J. Africana Publishers, South Africa 2013

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Into The River Of Life: A Biography Of Ian Player / Graham Linscott Jonathan Ball Publishers, South Africa 2013

xvi, 342 p.; 9781868425464 \$ 37.00 / HB

This is the story of Ian Player, internationally recognised environmentalist and conservationist. But Ian is a man of many facets and contradictions, not just a ranger: a man of culture and the arts, a deep thinker and Jungian, an irascible campaigner and a maverick. He is a writer, a lecturer and international diplomat and a deeply committed man to all he believes in.

Born in Johannesburg in 1927 and educated at St John's College, he served with the South African forces in Italy in World War II and returned to South Africa at age 19 in 1946 with no idea of what he wanted to do with his life. When he pioneered the Duzi Canoe Marathon in 1950 he expected to see an abundance of wildlife along the river bank. To his dismay, he saw almost none. And so began an epic journey to fight for nature conservation.

He joined the Natal Parks Board in 1952 and spearheaded two initiatives. With his team they pioneered Operation Rhino, which succeeded in saving the white rhino from extinction and obtained protected status for the Umfolozi and St Lucia Wilderness areas – a first in South Africa and on the African continent. He also founded the Wilderness Leadership School during the troubled days of apartheid, a multi-racial and experiential program, which was to spawn a global network of conservationists committed to saving wilderness and wildlife throughout the

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491 Days - Prisoner Number 1323/69 / Winnie Madikizela-Mandela Picador Africa, South Africa 2013 249 p.; 9781770103306

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On a freezing winter's night, a few hours before dawn on 12 May 1969, security police stormed the Soweto home of Winnie Mandela and detained her in the presence of her two young daughters, then aged nine and ten. Rounded up in a group of other anti-apartheid activists under Section 6 of the Terrorism Act,

group of other anti-apartheid activists under Section 6 of the Terrorism Act, designed for the security police to hold and interrogate people for as long as they wanted, she was taken away. She had no idea where they were taking her or what would happen to her children. For Winnie Mandela this was the start of a 491-day period of detention and two trials. Forty-one years after Winnie's release on 14 September 1970, Greta Soggot, the widow of David Soggot, one of Winnie Mandela's advocates during the 1969-70 trials, handed her a stack of papers that included a journal and notes that she had written in detention. Their arrival brought back vivid and horrifying memories and uncovered a unique and personal slice of South Africa's history. 491 Days: Prisoner Number 1323/69 shares with the world Winnie Mandela's moving and compelling journal as well as some of the letters written between affected parties at the time, including Winnie and Nelson Mandela, who by then had been in prison for nearly seven years. Readers gain insight into the brutality she experienced, her depths of despair as well as her resilience and defiance under extreme pressure. under extreme pressure.

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My Second Initiation: The Memoir Of Vusi Pikoli / Mandy Wiener, Vusi Pikoli

Picador Africa, South Africa 2013

xii, 375 p.; 9781770103450

\$ 37.00 / HB

As National Director of Public Prosecutions from 2005 until 2007, Advocate Vusi Pikoli pursued criminal charges against the current President of South Africa Jacob Zuma and the convicted former National Police Commissioner Jackie Selebi. It was his dogged determination to bring the country's top cop to account that ultimately saw Pikoli removed from office and a public inquiry into his suspension held. My Second Initiation traces Pikoli's journey from his first graduation to manhood in the hills of the Eastern Cape, to his second in the corridors of power in government. Pikoli has a deeply ingrained loyalty to the Constitution of the country and a keenly developed sense of justice, cultivated on the politically aware streets and rugby fields of New Brighton township. He recounts how he fled with his ANC unit into exile and spent fourteen years away from his home and his family, suffering the loss of a child and a man he considered a brother.

A Passion for Freedom / Mamphela Ramphele Tafelberg Publishers, South Africa 2013 vii, 352 p.; 9780624065074 \$ 42.00 / HB

http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=164286

The richly anecdotal story of an extraordinary life – when baby Mamphela was born to teacher parents in the rural village of Kranspoort, few would have predicted that she would become not only a medical doctor, but an international leader and the founder of not one but two new political movements. As a young woman, Mamphela was instrumental in creating the ideology of Black Consciousness with her partner, Steve Biko. As an accomplished and well-off businesswoman who had reached the pinnacle of success, this year she felt compelled to start Agang SA, to provide South African voters with an alternative to the inept and increasingly corrupt ANC.

In this very readable autobiography, Mamphela Ramphele vividly describes her rural childhood, her extended family, her first loves and losses – after the death of her firstborn, she nearly lost her and Steve's baby after his death by torture – and her subsequent successes in both politics and business.

She also shares her vision for a future South Africa of which we can all be proud.

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Field Guide to the Battlefields of South Africa / Nicki von der Heyde Struik Travel & Heritage, South Africa 2013 351 p.: col. ill., ports., maps. 9781431701001 \$ 50.00 / HB

There are two major types of battlefield terrain in South Africa: first the open plains and savannah lands of the Highveld, a land where cavalry rules supreme. The second type is the thornbush of the Eastern Cape, a setting more suited to skirmishing rather than set-piece battles. Then, in KwaZulu-Natal, the two terrains merge to create the country s most dramatic battlefield landscape and one of the largest military graveyards in the world where the fates of colonies, republics and kingdoms were decided. For more than two centuries, from the late 1700s to the early 1900s, conflict, in one form or another, swept across this countryside; its combatants as diverse, hardy and tenacious as the land and its resources that almost always was at the root of hostilities. In this groundbreaking book, author and specialist battlefields guide, Nicki von der Heyde, presents over 70 battles and skirmishes covering five wars that shaped the course of South African history from the Frontier Wars that started in 1779 to the Second-Anglo Boer War of 1899 1902, a bitter and costly confrontation triggered by the discovery of the world s richest gold fields on the Witwatersrand. Detailed accounts of the engagements, based on extensive research, are provided, with special attention given to the terrain, key phases and outcomes, and the combatants involved. Battle timelines succinctly set out the passage of each campaign, while international timelines catalogue concurrent events around the world. More than 400 original documentary and contemporary potentials and over 60 short features have been assembled to provide a rich, enthralling and haunting account of these momentous events. Detailed historical maps that include annotations have been created for 16 high-profile engagements, while 10 regional maps indicate the locations of the battle sites. Arranged in regional order, with concise directions to each battle site and GPS coordinates for main locations, the "Field Guide to South Africa's Battlefields" is not only indispensable for professional and amateur military historians, but is of great interest to general readers, too if only as a reminder of the devastating human cost of war and the value of exploring the past to make sense of the present. It is beautifully illustrated with historical and contemporary photographs and detailed battle and regional maps.

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EVEN THE COWS WERE AMAZED: shipwreck survivors in south-east Africa, 1552 -1782. / Gill Vernon

Jacana, South Africa 2013 176 p.: col. ill., col. maps.

9781431408009

\$ 37.50 / HB

Between the 16th and 18th centuries a number of European ships involved in trade with the East came to grief on the south-east African coast, the most famous being the Grosvenor (1782). In almost all cases there were survivors, both passengers and crew, whose stories were later recounted and written down. And what stories these are. Many parties undertook epic journeys on foot from the wreck site to reach places where they might be rescued. The survivors of Portuguese vessels headed north towards present-day Mozambique, where it was known that Portuguese trading vessels occasionally made anchor. The Dutch and the British, on the other hand, headed west towards the Cape. These hazardous journeys involved great feats of endurance for the survivors, who tramped by foot for hundreds of kilometres through unknown territory and met (and bartered with) local people along the way whom common stereotypes of the time with) local people along the way whom common stereotypes of the time demonised as hostile savages. Even more remarkably, a few parties of survivors constructed their own small ships from the wreckage and sailed off to seek rescue.

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Ingrid Jonker - A Jacana Pocket Biography / Louise Viljoen Jacana Media, South Africa 2012 166 p.; 9781431403660 \$ 17.00 / HB

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Africa's Commandos: The Rhodesian Light Infantry / Mark Adams, Chris Cocks

RLI Regimental Association, South Africa 2012 320 p., xxiv p.; 9781920143886 \$ 109.00 / HB

Few, if any, regiments have left their mark on the history of modern warfare as did the Rhodesian Light Infantry. Raised on 1 February 1961 the RLI first evolved into a commando unit then became involved in mundane border-control duties in the Zambezi Valley. Later as the bush war intensified the RLI was to evolve into a ruthlessly efficient 'killing machine'. This book chronicles the military evolution of the RLI from the peacetime soldiering days through to the constant high-intensity combat of the final years. Initially comprising volunteers from South Africa and Britain the RLI was always under strength until 1976 when the percentage of national servicemen serving in the RLI was dramatically increased to meet ever-increasing operational demands. The historical record will show how these young men, led and commanded by an outstanding combination of tough and battle-hardened non-commissioned officers and a skilled and aggressive officer corps, inflicted massive damage on the ZANLA and ZIPRA insurgent forces. The ruthless efficiency of the joint Air Force and RLI Fireforce operations where the RLI was deployed by helicopter and later also by parachute was to account for the deaths of in excess of 12,000 insurgents during the course of the war at a rate of 160 enemy killed for every one of their own lost: a truly remarkable record.

http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=164298

The Accidental Diplomat: The Autobiography of Maurice Baker / Maurice Baker, (Ed) Edmund Baker

World Scientific Publishing Co. Pte. Ltd., Singapore 2014

xxi. 278p.

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\$ 40.00 / HB

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