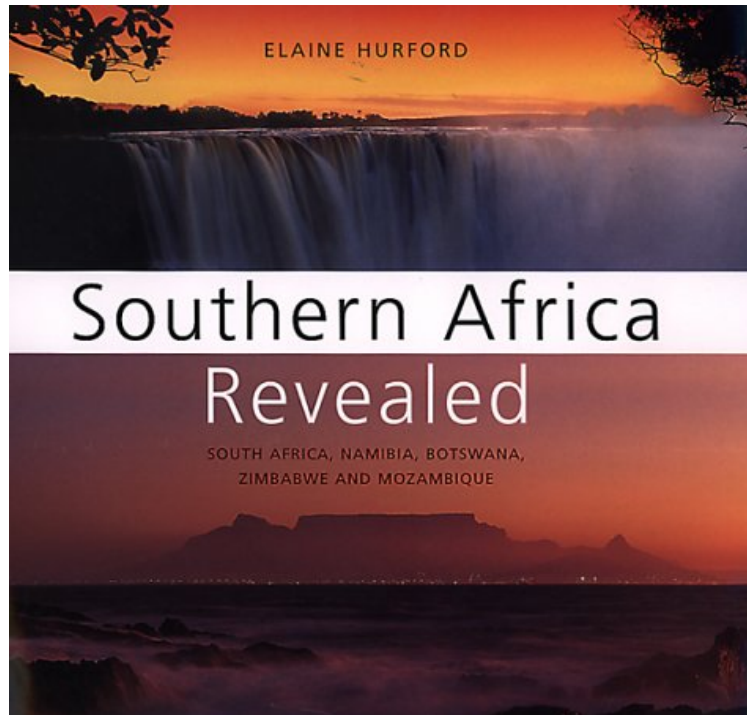


Southern Africa Revealed: South Africa, Namibia, Botswana, Zimbabwe and Mozambique

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Elaine Hurford : Southern Africa Revealed: South Africa, Namibia, Botswana, Zimbabwe and Mozambique before purchasing it in order to gauge whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Southern Africa Revealed: South Africa, Namibia, Botswana, Zimbabwe and Mozambique:

16 of 16 people found the following review helpful. Brilliant photography By aluke I was rushed to find a book for a colleague who was leaving and who had always asked for my recommendation for THE quintessential book on Africa. From what I saw in 's synopsis, I figured I couldn't go wrong with a photographic journal of the land, as pictures tell a thousand words. There are some spectacular photographs in this book, which convey the rich heritage of flora and fauna in this region of Africa. It's a good coffee table book, and is also good for people who have been to Africa and need a display memoir of photos of scenes that you saw but couldn't capture yourself. I was tickled pink to find pictures of places I had seen and I had even been to, like the spice merchant in Durban, S.A who displayed varying ranges of chilli powder ending in "Mother-In-Law exterminator" as his most potent, or the multi colored changing stalls on Cape Town's beaches. Don't buy this book if you are looking for an in-depth analysis of the countries economies, and the present conditions and way of life of the ethnic people. The author devotes a few pages to a brief history of the countries, and stays away from making any socio-political comments or opinions. The book tells its story in pictures, and concentrates at times in depth on wildlife rather than landscape. I like the book, and I think I'm going to get a copy for myself! As for my colleague, I hope this convinces her to take the plunge and head for a safari in one of the most pristine corners of the world.

This glossy coffee-table book puts the emphasis on visual impact. Providing a visual introduction to Southern Africa, it contains five chapters based on geographical regions. The photographs are accompanied by extended captions on the major nations of Southern Africa - South Africa, Namibia, Botswana, Zimbabwe and Mozambique.

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