

# RECOMMENDED READING

## *for Safari*



## **BORN FREE: A LIONESSE OF TWO WORLDS (SOUTH AFRICA)**

**Author - Joy Adamson - Non fiction**

This is a story of a lion cub in transition between the captivity in which she is raised and the fearsome wild to which she is returned. This renowned book captures the abilities of both humans and animals to cross the seemingly unbridgeable gap between their radically different worlds.



**“THINK BEFORE YOU SPEAK.  
READ BEFORE YOU THINK.”**

**— FRAN LEBOWITZ**

## **COUNTRY OF MY SKULL (SOUTH AFRICA)**

**Author - Antjie Krog - Non fiction**

This award-winning author worked actively for more than two years with the many individuals involved in South Africa's Truth and Reconciliation Commission. Her book captures the complexity of the Commission's work in a uniquely personal narrative.

## **CRY, THE BELOVED COUNTRY**

**(SOUTH AFRICA)**

**Author - Alan Paton - Fiction**

The most famous and important novel in South Africa's history. Alan Paton's impassioned novel about a black man's country under white man's law is a work of searing beauty.

## **JOCK OF THE BUSHVELD**

**(SOUTH AFRICA)**

**Author - Percy Fitzpatrick - Non-Fiction**

Jock of the Bushveld is a classic animal story and has been enjoyed by millions of children.

## **A LONG WALK TO FREEDOM**

**(SOUTH AFRICA)**

**Author - Nelson Mandela - Autobiography**

*Alan Paton Award 1995*

A moving autobiography by the legendary Nelson Mandela. He tells the extraordinary story of his life - an epic of struggle, setback, renewed hope and ultimately triumph.



## DISGRACE

(SOUTH AFRICA)

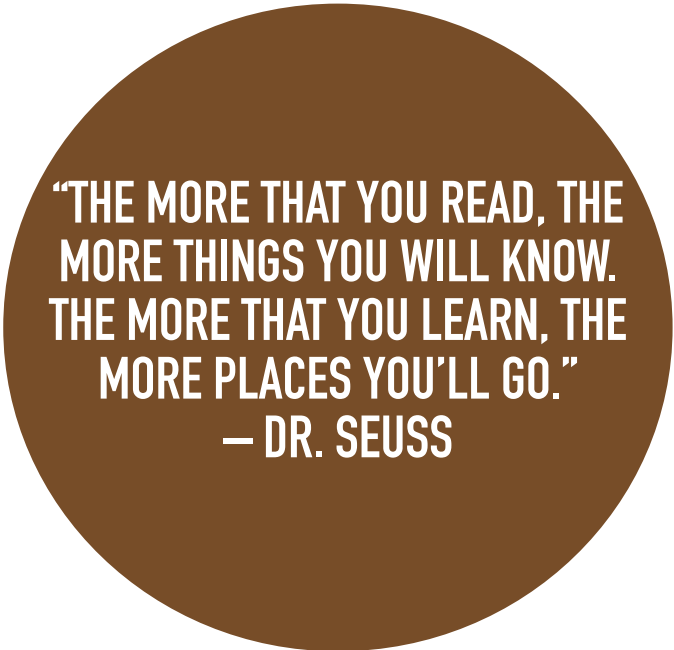
**Author - JM Coetzee**

*Nobel prize in literature*

**Fiction**

*1999 Booker Prize winner*

An examination into the sexual and political lawlines of modern South Africa as it tries desperately to start a fresh page in its history. Disgrace is chilling, uncompromising and unforgettable.



**“THE MORE THAT YOU READ, THE  
MORE THINGS YOU WILL KNOW.  
THE MORE THAT YOU LEARN, THE  
MORE PLACES YOU’LL GO.”  
— DR. SEUSS**

## MY TRAITOR’S HEART

(SOUTH AFRICA)

**Author -Rian Malan -**

**Autobiography, Politics**

My Traitor’s Heart offers a black and Afrikaaner view of South Africa, expressed through the medium of a reporter’s anguished conscience.

## SHAKA ZULU

(SOUTH AFRICA)

**Author - E.A. Ritter -**

**Non-Fiction**

The story of Shaka Zulu the man who build the Zulu people from a minor clan into a mighty clan.

## WAYS OF DYING

(SOUTH AFRICA)

**Author - Zakes Mda -Fiction**

Toloki is an eccentric professional mourner. Ways of Dying tells of his odyssey from a rural community to the vibrant outskirts of a South African city, where the beautiful and tragic Nori helps him heal the past.

## BLOOD SISTERS

(KENYA)

**Authors - Barbara Keating & Stephanie Keating - Fiction**

During their childhood years in the Kenyan Highlands three girls from vastly different backgrounds become blood sisters. However, the legacy of the Mau Mau rebellion, and the tensions of newly independent Kenya, tear their childhood dreams apart.



## DURABLE FIRE

(KENYA)

**Authors - Barbara Keating & Stephanie Keating - Fiction**

This sequel to Blood Sisters confronts loss and delirious happiness, savagery and degradation, limitless beauty, soaring hope and redemption. The passions and hardships experienced by these unforgettable heroines living in Kenya, is a magnificent, epic novel.

## **INDABA, MY CHILDREN**

**(AFRICA)**

**Author - Credo Mutwa -Fiction**

First published in 1964, this book is an internationally acclaimed collection of traditional African stories, charting tribal life since the time of the Phoenicians.



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AND ADD AN EIGHTH DAY  
TO THE WEEK THAT IS  
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READING.”**

**— LENA DUNHAM**

## **GORILLAS IN THE MIST**

**(RWANDA)**

**Author - Dian Fossey Dr.  
- Autobiography**

One of the most important books ever written about our connection to the natural world, this is a riveting account of Dian Fossey’s thirteen years in a remote African rain forest with the great Apes.

## LAND OF A THOUSAND HILLS: MY LIFE IN RWANDA

(RWANDA)

**Authors - Rosamond Halsey Carr, Ann Howard Halsey - Autobiography**

This autobiography is Carr's thrilling memoir of her life in Rwanda - a love affair with a country and its people that has spanned half a century. During those years, she has experienced everything from staling leopards to rampaging elephants, drought, the mysterious murder of her friend Dian Fossey and near bankruptcy.

## WE WISH TO INFORM YOU THAT TOMORROW WE WILL BE KILLED WITH OUR FAMILIES

(RWANDA)

**Author - Philip Gourevitch - History**  
*1998 National Book Critics Circle Award,  
1999 Guardian First Book Award*

Gourevitch's haunting work is an anatomy of the war in Rwanda, a vivid history of the tragedy's background, and an unforgettable account of its aftermath. One of the most acclaimed books, this account will endure as a chilling document of our time.

## THE NO. 1 LADIES' DETECTIVE AGENCY (BOTSWANA)

**Author - Alexander McCall-Smith - Fiction**

Deftly interweaving tragedy and humour to create a memorable tale of human desires and foibles, the book is also an evocative portrait of a distant world.



## LOVE, LIFE AND ELEPHANTS: AN AFRICAN LOVE STORY

**Author - Daphne Sheldrick - Memoir**

Daphne Sheldrick, whose family arrived in Africa from Scotland in the 1820s, is the first person ever to have successfully hand-reared newborn elephants. In this heart-warming and poignant memoir, Daphne shares her amazing relationships with a host of orphans.

It is also a magical and heart-breaking human love story between Daphne and David Sheldrick, the famous Tsavo Park warden. It was their deep and passionate love, David's extraordinary insight into all aspects of nature, and the tragedy of his early death that inspired Daphne's vast array of achievements, most notably the founding of the world-renowned David Sheldrick Wildlife Trust and the Orphans' Nursery in Nairobi National Park.

## BATTLE FOR THE PRESIDENTS ELEPHANTS

**Author - Sharon Pincott - Biography**

Sharon Pincott traded her privileged first world existence to start a new life with the Presidential Elephants of Zimbabwe: the country's flagship clan of over 450 wild elephants. This biography follows the passionate wildlife conservationist from her home in Australia to the new one she discovers in Africa and chronicles her daily life, from cherishing incredibly intimate encounters with these gentle giants to coping with accusations of being a spy.

## SOUTHERN AFRICAN WILDLIFE: A VISITOR'S GUIDE

**(SOUTH AFRICA)**

**Author - Unwin Mike - Travel Guide**

This guide encompasses all countries south of the Zambezi and Kuene rivers. Botswana, Lesotho, Namibia, southern Mozambique, South Africa, Swaziland and Zimbabwe. It provides a colourful introduction to mammals, birds, reptiles and other wildlife.







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