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The prize was great -- not just  
land, but the riches it held, in the

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form of diamonds and gold. What became a country called South Africa was, until 1910, a vast and untamed land where great fortunes could be made (and lost); where great battles were fought (and lost); and where great men had their reputations forged,

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or dashed, or sometimes both.

Martin Meredith's follow-up to his magisterial *The State of Africa* is an equally epic new history of the making of South Africa. Covering the extraordinarily eventful four decades leading up to the establishment of the Union of

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South Africa in 1910, it covers some of the most iconic tales of imperial history. The Zulus at Rorke's Drift; the Jameson Raid; the diamond and gold rushes at Kimberley and Witwatersrand; the Boer wars; the titanic struggle between the arch-imperialist Cecil

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of 2017, and deposed president Robert Mugabe's death nearly two years later, demand careful, historically nuanced explanation. How did Mugabe gain and retain power over party and state for four decades? Did the suspected and nearly real 'coups', the

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conspiracies behind them, and their concurrent mythomaniacal conceits ultimately, ironically, spell his near-tragic end? Has Mugabe's particular mode of power reached a finality with his own downfall, as his successors struggle more to balance

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Zimbabwe's political contradictions? Will the phalanxes arrayed against Mugabe's control fray further, as Zimbabwe fades? Mugabe's Legacy delves deeply into such questions, drawing on more than forty years of archival and interview-based research on



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War, regional, ideological, generational, inter- and intra-party tensions. The lessons learned by the president and the nascent ruling party then turned gradually inward, ultimately arriving at a near-collapse that may now pervade all of the

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Political transition and democratisation challenges have been noted in African countries including Angola, Burkina Faso, Kenya, Mali, and the Democratic Republic of the Congo, resulting in the African Union (AU) intervening on behalf of citizens,

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using tried-and-tested mechanisms of imposing a power-sharing agreement to preside over a transitional period, during which there are key changes to the constitution and the political conduct of the incumbency, and partisan institutions are weaned

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from seeking to perpetuate the status quo. This book focuses on Zimbabwe's military and its perceived veto power in the transition to democratisation from 2008 until 2013. The objective was to analyse, monitor and comment on the unique

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democratic transformational challenges faced by Zimbabwe's Government of National Unity. One of the book's key findings is that every time partisan forces carry out an operation in the name of a political party, there is a direct correlation in which the

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same loses its national character. This is the context of the challenge facing Zimbabwean forces when used for partisan gain and why the Southern African Development Community (SADC), in its last communique in Maputo on 15 June 2013, sought



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to compel a written undertaking from the generals that they would desist from playing a direct role in the politics of the country. The AU had earlier expressed its deep regret when faced with the results of serious human rights abuses that were committed with

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impunity.

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Coups, Conspiracies, and the  
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Black Supremacist  
Mandela

**Robert Mugabe KCB is about two  
countries forced into one by  
British imperialistic interests,  
cemented by the optimism of  
African nationalism and**

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**plundered by the wrath of  
Africa's longest serving tyrant. It  
traces 19th Century King  
Mzilikazi and his peoples'  
settlement in Matabeleland,  
through the colonization of  
Mashonaland in 1890, the**

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**destruction and occupation of the Ndebele State in 1893 by the B. S. A. Company before examining the politics of African nationalism by ZAPU and ZANU in the quest for black majority rule. It dissects the gukurahundi genocide unleashed**

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**by the independent and  
majoritarian government on the  
ethnic minorities of Matabeleland  
and the Ndebele speaking parts of  
the Midlands province. It  
interrogates the concepts of  
gukurahundism (policy of**

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**annihilation), zanuism (longevity of the leader and his/her ethnic group) and mugabeism (mastery of demagoguery in order to deceive). It portrays the genocide, and the three isms as the four pillars that have sustained the**

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**leprosy that ravaged the  
Zimbabwean anatomy from day  
one of independence to two years  
after Mugabe's unceremonious  
fall by the barrel of the same gun  
that had ushered him in in 1980.  
Ncube explores possible solutions**



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**which include, a rotational  
presidency, devolution of  
government power, federalism,  
restoration of the Ndebele  
monarchy and the secession of the  
pre-colonial Mthwakazi State  
from Zimbabwe.**

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media? A Companion to African  
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**are effective, why many are not,  
and why only a very few are  
exceptional.**

**Arguably, one of the most  
polarising figures in modern times  
has been Robert Gabriel Mugabe,  
the former President of the**



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**Republic of Zimbabwe. The mere mentioning of his name raises a lot of debate and often times vicious, if not irreconcilable differences, both in Zimbabwe and beyond. In an article titled: ‘Lessons of Zimbabwe’, Mahmood Mamdani**

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**succinctly captures the polarity  
thus: 'It is hard to think of a  
figure more reviled in the West  
than Robert Mugabe... and his  
land reform measures, however  
harsh, have won him considerable  
popularity, not just in Zimbabwe**

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**but throughout southern Africa.’  
This, together with his recent  
‘stylised’ ouster, speaks volumes  
to his conflicted legacy. The  
divided opinion on Mugabe’s  
legacy can broadly be represented,  
first, by those who consider him as**

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**a champion of African liberation,  
a Pan-Africanist, an unmatched  
revolutionary and an avid anti-  
imperialist who, literally, ‘spoke  
the truth’ to Western imperialists.  
On the other end of the spectrum  
are those who – seemingly paying**

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**scant regard to the predicament of  
millions of black Zimbabweans  
brutally dispossessed of their land  
and human dignity since the  
Rhodesian days – have  
differentially characterised  
Mugabe as a rabid black fascist,**

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**an anti-white racist, an oppressor,  
and a dictator. Drawing on all  
these opinions and  
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leadership style and contributions**

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The odyssey of the Reitz family passes like a thread through the tapestry of South African history in the nineteenth and early twentieth centuries. Originally Dutch-Afrikaner gentry from the Cape, the family moved to the frontier settlement of Bloemfontein and played a key role

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in the building of the Orange Free State. At the heart of this tale is the extraordinary career of Deneys Reitz, whose account of his adventures in the field during the Anglo-Boer War (1899-1902), published as *Commando*, became a classic of irregular warfare. Martin Meredith

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interweaves Reitz's experiences, taken from his unpublished notebooks, with the wider story of Britain's brutal suppression of Boer resistance. Concise and readable, and featuring rare photographs from the family archives, *Afrikaner Odyssey* is a wide-ranging portrait of

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a distinguished Afrikaner family whose presence is still marked on the South African landscape.

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decolonialisation began in the mid-1950s, and arguably before, the continent has appeared to be stuck in a process of irreversible decline. Constant war, improper use of natural resources and misappropriation of revenues and aid monies contribute to an impression

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how to organise 10,000 different ethnic groups has led to what Tony Blair described as the 'scar on the conscience of the world'.

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the beginnings of human life, although vital clues still remain hidden. In *Born in Africa*, Martin Meredith follows the trail of discoveries about our human origins made by scientists over the last hundred years, as well as describing the history of scholarship in this

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incredibly exciting field. He relates the intense rivalries, personal feuds and fierce controversies that shaped the study and perception of Africa, and recounts the feats of skill and endurance that have illuminated thousands of years of human evolution. The results have been

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momentous. Scientists have identified more than twenty species of extinct humans and firmly established Africa as the birthplace not only of humankind, but also of our own species: homo sapiens, the modern human. Scientific study has revealed how early technology,

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language ability and artistic  
endeavour all originated in Africa,  
and scientists have shown how, in an  
exodus sixty thousand years ago,  
small groups of Africans left their  
birthplace to populate the rest of the  
world. We all have an African legacy,  
and in this fascinating and

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veterans and land expropriation in the client-army of the first-century BC Roman Republic and veterans of the Zimbabwean liberation war. The study centres on the body of the soldier, the cultural production of images and representations of gender which advance theoretical

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discussions around war, masculinity and violence. Mlambo employs a transcultural comparative approach based on a persistent factor found in both societies: land expropriation. Often articulated in a framework of patriarchy, land appropriation takes place in the context of war-shaped



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masculinities. This book fosters a deeper understanding of social processes, adding an important new perspective to the study of military violence, and paying attention to veterans' claims for rewards and compensation. These claims are developed in the context of war and

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understanding of veterans, war,  
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*Robert Mugabe came to  
power after a long civil*

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*war in Rhodesia,  
becoming president of  
the country now called  
Zimbabwe. Initially  
praised for leading  
Zimbabwe's social and  
economic development, it*

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*was discovered that the  
honeymoon was not to  
last long. Determined to  
gain total power through  
a one-party system,  
Mugabe unleashed a  
campaign of mass murder*

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*and terror against his  
political opponents in  
Matabeleland.*

*We Are All Zimbabweans  
Now is a political  
thriller set in Zimbabwe  
in the hopeful, early*

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*days of Robert Mugabe's  
rise to power in the  
late 1980s. When Ben  
Dabney, a Wisconsin  
graduate student,  
arrives in the country,  
he is enamored with*



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*Mugabe and the promises  
of his government's  
model of racial  
reconciliation. But as  
Ben begins his research  
and delves more deeply  
into his hero's life, he*

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*finds fatal flaws.*

*Ultimately Ben  
reconsiders not only his  
understanding of Mugabe,  
but his own professional  
and personal life. James  
Kilgore brings an*

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*authentic voice to a  
work of youthful hope,  
disillusionment, and  
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*"It provides new  
perspective and insights  
into the man and his*

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*times. . . . [Meredith]  
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*century . . . .*" --The

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*"Meredith paints an  
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epic tale of a freedom*

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*fighter." --San*

*Francisco Chronicle*

*"[R]evealing insights,*

*particularly into the*

*contrast between the*

*disciplined Mandela who*

*emerged from prison and*

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*the impetuous figure of  
the late 1940's and  
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"Meredith carefully  
avoids adulation while  
tracing the course of*

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*Mandela's remarkable  
career. . . . [He]  
skillfully depicts  
Mandela's complex  
relationships with the  
close circle of white  
Communists who supported*



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*the African National  
Congress [and] writes  
vividly but  
unsentimentally about  
the tribulations and  
betrayals that racked  
Mandela's family."*--The

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together the riveting  
and tragic political  
story of what happened  
to Zimbabwe and to a  
leader who once*

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*represented one of the  
world's best hopes for  
democratic Africa.*

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Africa*

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Zimbabwe, focusing predominantly on Mnangagwa's 2017 coup, but also uncovering deeper roots for how renewal and transition are conceived in the country. Since Emmerson Mnangagwa ousted Robert Mugabe in 2017, he has



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been keen to define his 'Second Republic' or 'New Dispensation' with a rhetoric of change and a rejection of past political and economic cultures. This multi- and inter-disciplinary volume looks to the (social) media,

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the formative years of the ZANU PF, and that despite the longevity of Mugabe's tenure, the latest transition can be seen as part of a complex and protracted layering of post-colonial social, economic and political changes. Providing an

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innovative investigation of how political change in Zimbabwe is reflected on in cultural texts and products, this book will be of interest to researchers across African history, literature, politics, culture, and post-colonial studies.

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Zimbabwe ' s President Robert Mugabe

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sharply divides opinion and embodies the contradictions of his country ' s history and political culture. As a symbol of African liberation and a stalwart opponent of white rule, he was respected and revered by many. This heroic status contrasted sharply, in the eyes of his rivals and victims,

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with repeated cycles of gross human rights violations. Mugabe presided over the destruction of a vibrant society, capital flight, and mass emigration precipitated by the policies of his government, resulting in his demonic image in Western media. This timely biography addresses the

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coup, led by some of Mugabe ' s closest associates, that forced his resignation after thirty-seven years in power. Sue Onslow and Martin Plaut explain Mugabe ' s formative experiences as a child and young man; his role as an admired Afro-nationalist leader in the struggle against white settler rule; and

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his evolution into a political manipulator and survivalist. They also address the emergence of political opposition to his leadership and the uneasy period of coalition government. Ultimately, they reveal the complexity of the man who stamped his personality on Zimbabwe ' s first four

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the rise of Robert Mugabe and decodes his psychology in the context of Zimbabwe's military history. His leadership of a guerrilla army against white rule explains how Mugabe continued to rule Zimbabwe as though he were still running an insurgency. Mugabe used military power - the

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armed forces, militias, police and the dreaded Central Intelligence Organization - to enforce his will against a series of perceived enemies. Along with inflicting massacres in Matabeleland in the early 1980s, Mugabe's forces also fought a covert war against apartheid South Africa. A

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large army was sent to intervene in the civil war in Mozambique. After 1998 Zimbabwean troops engaged in the massive conflict in the Congo, dubbed Africa's First World War. Domestically, Mugabe crushed all his alleged opponents from the Ndebele to white farmers, and then the media, judiciary,

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civic groups, churches, unions and homosexuals. The book recounts South African attempts to keep the current government of national unity alive, despite the growing oppression. It also considers how Zimbabwe can be saved from its own self-destruction. Professor Paul Moorcraft is a prolific

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author and war correspondent who has served in the Rhodesian/Zimbabwean Police and worked closely with the British Armed Forces. His book, *The Rhodesian War* (Pen and Sword 2008) has been a huge success.

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*Robert Mugabe resigned as President of Zimbabwe after 37 years in power. A week earlier the military had seized control of the country and forced him to step down as leader of the ruling Zanu-PF*

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*party. In this revised and updated edition of his classic biography, Stephen Chan seeks to explain and interpret Mugabe in his role as a key player in the politics of Southern Africa. In this*



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*masterly portrait of one of  
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of triumph and crisis.  
Mugabe's story is Zimbabwe's  
- from the post-independence*

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*hopes of idealism and  
reconciliation to electoral  
victory, the successful  
intervention in the  
international politics of  
Southern Africa and the  
resistance to South Africa's*

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*policy of apartheid. But a darker picture emerged early with the savage crushing of the Matabeleland rising, the elimination of political opponents, growing corruption and disastrous intervention in*

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*the Congo war, all worsened by drought and the HIV/AIDS crisis. Stephen Chan's highly revealing biography, based on close personal knowledge of Zimbabwe, depicts the emergence and eventual*

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*downfall of a ruthless and  
single-minded despot  
amassing and tightly clinging  
to political power. We follow  
the triumphant nationalist  
leader who reconciled all in  
the new multiracial Zimbabwe,*

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*degenerate into a petty tyrant  
consumed by hubris and self-  
righteousness and ultimately  
face an ignominious endgame  
at the hands of his own army.  
Provides a comparative  
analysis of the ideational*

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and its potential contribution  
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as Zimbabwe's president took  
the world by surprise. In this  
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*Zimbabwean journalist*

*Geoffrey Nyarota explains how  
and why the events of  
November 2017 happened as  
they did. Nyarota evaluates  
the political and economic  
impact of Mugabe's*



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*presidency, showing how he managed to reduce a prosperous nation to a state of destitution through extreme misgovernance. The book describes the rifts within ZANU-PF as Mugabe sidelined*

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*anyone who might challenge his power, and the creation of opposing factions that supported Vice President Emmerson Mnangagwa and First Lady Grace Mugabe respectively. It traces the*

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*growing ambition and power of Grace Mugabe, culminating in the sacking of Mnangagwa as vice president in November 2017, and explains how this finally spurred ZANU-PF to rid itself of the president who had*

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*done so much damage to the  
country over the decades.*

*Written with the insight of a  
veteran Zimbabwean  
journalist, this is a fascinating  
account of the rise and fall of  
one of Africa's longest-ruling*

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dictators.

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*the inevitability of black majority rule. Finally the defiant white prime minister Ian Smith was forced to step down and Mugabe was elected president of a country now called Zimbabwe. Initially*

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*hopes were high that he had the intelligence, political savvy and idealistic vision to help repair the damage done by colonialism and the bitter civil war, and to lead his country's economic and social*

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*development. He was admired throughout the world as one of the leaders of the emerging nations and as a model for a good transition from colonial leadership. But month by month, year by year, Mugabe*



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*became increasingly autocratic; his methods increasingly violent. In recent years he has unleashed a reign of terror and corruption in his country. Like the Congo, Angola, Rwanda, Sierra Leone*

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*story, a morality tale, and an  
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*The End of a Dictator's Reign  
Glory*

*This book is based on a  
participatory action  
research project carried out*

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*with a group of former  
Zimbabwe People's  
revolutionary Army (ZPRA)  
which was the armed wing of  
the Zimbabwe African  
People's Union (ZAPU) which  
was led by the late Joshua  
Nkomo. ZPRA was the primary*

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*target of Gukurahundi, a pogrom by the Mugabe government which left an estimated 20 000 civilians dead and countless others tortured in the early 1980s in Matebeleland, Zimbabwe. It has been almost 30 years*

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*since the violence ended,  
but there has never been an  
official healing and  
reconciliation programme or  
truth commission into the  
atrocities. The government  
chose the path of amnesia by  
granting a blanket amnesty*

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*to all involved. The regime has enforced a culture of silence over the event through repression and intimidation. The book is a culmination of a two year journey, by the group and the author, of an*



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*exploration of group-based  
self-healing approaches to  
the pain caused by the  
violence of Gukurahundi.*

*Nelson Mandela stands out as  
one of the most admired  
political figures of the  
twentieth century. It was*

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*his leadership and moral  
courage above all that  
helped to deliver a peaceful  
end to apartheid in South  
Africa after years of racial  
division and violence and to  
establish a fledgling  
democracy there. Martin*

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*Meredith's vivid portrayal of this towering leader was originally acclaimed by the Sunday Times as 'a fitting epitaph to an extraordinary career' and by the Daily Telegraph as 'a compelling account of the whole of*

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*Mandela's life'. Meredith's  
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hindsight on the man and his  
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his hopes for the new South  
Africa were realised.*

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*Mandela is the most thorough  
and up-to-date account  
available of the life of its  
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*When the southern African  
country of Rhodesia was  
reborn as Zimbabwe in 1980,  
democracy advocates*

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*celebrated the defeat of a  
white supremacist regime and  
the end of colonial rule.  
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their new prime minister,  
freedom fighter Robert  
Mugabe, with little idea of  
the misery he would bring*

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*them. Under his leadership for the next 30 years, Zimbabwe slid from self-sufficiency into poverty and astronomical inflation. The government once praised for its magnanimity and ethnic tolerance was denounced by*

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*leaders like South African  
Nobel Prize-winner Desmond  
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the heroic Mugabe become a  
hated autocrat, and why were  
so many outside of Zimbabwe  
blind to his bloody misdeeds*



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Mugabe and the Collapse of  
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reveals that while the  
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of Zimbabwe had changed, its  
leader had not. From the*

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*beginning of his political career, Mugabe was a cold tactician with no regard for human rights. Through eyewitness accounts and unflinching analysis, Compagnon describes how Mugabe and the Zimbabwe*

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*African National Union-  
Patriotic Front (ZANU-PF)  
built a one-party state  
under an ideological cloak  
of antiimperialism. To  
maintain absolute authority,  
Mugabe undermined one-time  
ally Joshua Nkomo,*

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*terrorized dissenters,  
stoked the fires of  
tribalism, covered up the  
massacre of thousands in  
Matabeleland, and siphoned  
off public money to his  
minions—all well before the  
late 1990s, when his*

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*down and Mugabe was elected president. Initially he promised reconciliation between white and blacks, encouraged Zimbabwe's economic and social development, and was admired throughout the world as one*



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*of the leaders of the  
emerging nations and as a  
model for a transition from  
colonial leadership. But as  
Martin Meredith shows in  
this history of Mugabe's  
rule, Mugabe from the  
beginning was sacrificing*

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*his purported ideals—and Zimbabwe's potential—to the goal of extending and cementing his autocratic leadership. Over time, Mugabe has become ever more dictatorial, and seemingly less and less interested in*

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*the welfare of his people,  
treating Zimbabwe's wealth  
and resources as spoils of  
war for his inner circle. In  
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unleashed a reign of terror  
and corruption in his  
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**engulfed Zimbabwe, where  
Mugabe's men destroyed  
farmland, stole equipment,  
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houses, intimidated the workers,  
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**a tale of courage, as one family,  
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**Mugabe's Will to Power. The Will to Power refers to a spirited desire for power and overwhelming fear of powerlessness that Mugabe artfully concealed behind performances of invincibility. Nietzsche's philosophical concept**



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**of the Will to Power is interpreted and expanded in this book to explain how a tyrant is produced and enabled, and how he performs his tyranny. Achille Mbembe's novel concept of the African postcolony is mobilised to locate Zimbabwe under Mugabe**

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**as a domain of the madness of power. The book describes Mugabe's development from a vulnerable youth who was intoxicated with delusions of divine commission to a monstrous tyrant of the postcolony who mistook himself**

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**for a political messiah. This account exposes how post-political euphoria about independence from colonialism and the heroism of one leader can easily lead to the degeneration of leadership. However, this book is as much**

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within his own party, in Zimbabwe and from the West. An interdisciplinary line up of contributors argue that Mugabe used a calculated narrative of deification – presenting himself as a divine figure who had the task of



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delivering land, freedom and confidence to black people across the world – to remain in power in Zimbabwe. The chapters highlight the appropriation and deployment of religious themes in Mugabe's domestic and international politics,

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further reflections on the interface between religion and politics in Africa and globally. Politics and Religion in Zimbabwe will be of interest to scholar of religion and politics, Southern Africa and African politics.

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