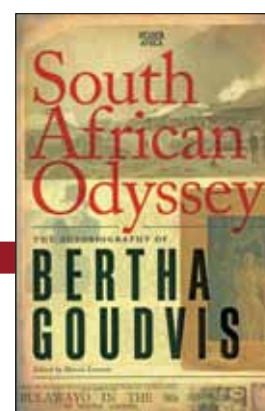


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BOOK OF THE MONTH



Vintage Appeal

A stunning coffee table book, *Modern Wineries of South Africa* by Hugh Fraser gives intriguing insights into 18 of the Western Cape's top wine producers. The book examines the architectural designs behind each location, with floor plans offsetting commentaries by designers, owners and winemakers. What's so interesting is how each building addresses the challenges of site, history and tourism, bearing in mind that these are non-stop working factories. As owner Alex van Heerden says of Grande Provence Estate, "Centuries of rich heritage now blend seamlessly with industrial chic." From the upscale Delaire Graff and dramatic Waterkloof to the graceful curves of Dornier, Craig Fraser's superb images make you want to book a flight to Cape Town (and the fact that he shot this on film makes him one of my heroes). An excellent buy for lovers of great wine and responsive architecture.

Reviewer: Tess Paterson

ISBN: 978-0-9814-2879-6

Publisher: Quivertree Publications

Price: R475

Giveaway code: 'Wineries' (2 copies)

Celebrate our Rainbow Nation

We have all had the experience of picking up a book intending to idly page through it, only to find that an hour or two later we are still totally engrossed. We keep turning the pages, our interest gripped, and we keep thinking to ourselves, 'I didn't know that.' *Awesome South Africa* is just such a book. Derryn Cambell has done a superb job of collating facts and photographs, anecdotes and art, which all make us nod our heads and realise why we choose to live in this unique and infinitely layered country of ours. There are no chapters and there is no index. It's a wide, freewheeling, sometimes tongue-in-cheek and sometimes serious journey through South Africa. The humour is strongly local, but the facts and quirks are for everyone. Visitors to our land will learn things that even locals don't know, like London has less rain than Joburg, and for them it will serve as an introduction to understanding some of the more bizarre elements of our living in South Africa. Visit www.awesomesa.co.za for more info.

Reviewer: Mike Lillyman

ISBN: 978-0-6204-6527-4/

978-0-6204-8596-8 **Price:** R295/R340

Publisher: Awesome SA Publishers

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A Writer Remembers

Pioneer South African literary figure Bertha Goudvis reveals in her autobiography an indomitable nature that saw her through some extraordinarily turbulent times. Spanning eight decades, *South African Odyssey* is a fascinating account of a woman's journey from a Victorian childhood spent travelling in the wake of her itinerant father, to an adulthood in which she met the likes of Paul Kruger, Cecil Rhodes, Jan Smuts, and Louis Botha. There are interesting insights, too, into the early days of theatre and journalism in this country, the changing attitude to women's roles, and experiences of Jewish immigrants to South Africa. Misfortune was never far away but Bertha and her family always picked themselves up and started all over again. Vividly written, the book is a verbal version of a photograph album depicting the early politics and culture of our country. Bertha's reflections on life penned when she was 80 are especially worth reading.

Reviewer: Andrea Abbott

ISBN: 978-1-7701-0102-9

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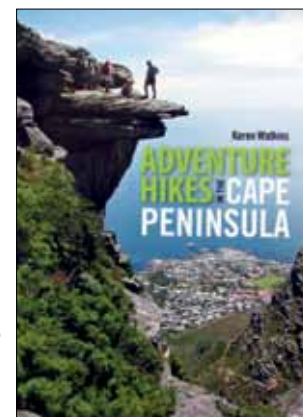
Put Those Boots On

Karen Watkins has come to the rescue of climbers and walkers with her timely new book *Adventure Hikes in the Cape Peninsula*. The book is a response to hikers who are tired of well-worn walks and are looking for something different. With 30 tried and personally tested hikes, the book gives extremely helpful descriptions of routes laced with historical and botanical snippets and backed with over 450 pictures. There is something in the book for everyone, with easy, moderate and difficult routes.

Reviewer: Marianne Heron **ISBN number:** 978-0-6204-9459-5

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