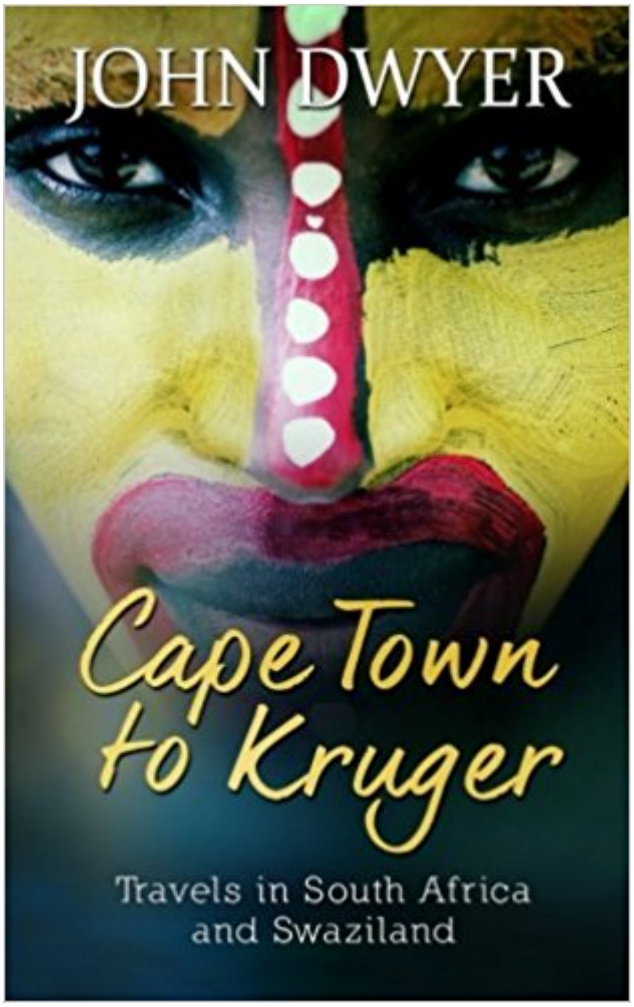
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Synopsis

Join John Dwyer on his epic travels across South Africa, from vibrant Cape Town to wild Kruger Park. Through his engaging writing and sense of humour, the author takes you on an unforgettable journey through the spectacular scenery and tribal cultures of the Ã¢â ¬Å“Rainbow NationÃ¢â ¬Â•. He also offers an in-depth look at the history of apartheid and its effects on the people of South Africa. Sprinkled with quotes from Nelson Mandela, this is much more than a travel journal. If youÃ¢â ¬â„¢re interested in the history of South Africa or have ever dreamed of visiting this exotic country, youÃ¢â ¬â„¢ll love Cape Town to Kruger.

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Customer Reviews

When I was thirteen, my mum gave me a world atlas as a birthday present. Little did she know the effect that it would have on me. As I turned each page, I was mesmerised by the pictures of far-away countries and exotic peoples. I wondered what it would be like to stand on top of Table Mountain in Cape Town, to see the dizzying peaks of the Himalayas, to watch snake charmers in India, or to see the Terracotta Warriors in China. I spent hours leafing through that atlas in contented silence, studying the pictures on each page with wonder. When I went to bed that night, I made up my mind to go and see those places for myself. My love of travel was born that day. Before I was old enough to travel to these places myself, I satisfied my wanderlust by reading about the travels of others. I rode the rocky roads of Asia by bicycle with Dervla Murphy in Full Tilt, experienced the magic of old Tibet with Heinrich Harrer in Seven Years in Tibet, and explored the newly opened China by train with Paul Theroux in Riding the Iron Rooster. I have since kept those

promises I made to myself as a child and my travels have brought me all over to world. I finally discovered what it was like to stand on Table Mountain with Cape Town spread out far below me - it was fantastic.

John writes well, and as a white South African it is always interesting to see your country through the eyes of a tourist! I must congratulate John on his spelling of place names or the occasional quote of a local word. Some writers are very shoddy about spelling in another language. I am sorry for the few outspoken racists you came across -- we are certainly not all like that! My feeling is, however, that you need a return journey, because you missed so much of interest. What about our west (Atlantic) coast, who is the complete and total opposite of the east (Indian Ocean) coast. You circumvented the entire centre of SA (okay, it's often very flat ...), but meeting more local people might have been interesting. You were in Cape town, but you didn't mention visiting the Winelands, which is really not to be missed! You should maybe also have done more hopping from one coastal village to the other. Oh -- one mistake had me laughing -- you tell about the mischievous monkey in St Lucia, and called it a "verdant" monkey! The type of monkey is actually a "vervet monkey"!

I read this recently after returning from two weeks in South Africa. We visited family who have lived in Cape Town for the past four years and then we flew to Sabi Sabi Game Reserve, which shares a border with Kruger. I always debate about reading books about the area I am going to visit - do I read them before I go to become familiar with the area or do I read them after returning home so that I have a context in which to place it? This trip, I did a bit of both.I found this travel narrative to be a good read and very reflective of what I found after my own travels. I appreciated Mr Dwyer's writing in that he seemed to want to share his experiences without making himself the center of the story, which often happens in this genre. He talks about his experiences without a obvious agenda which is another point in his favor. I also found his writing style engaging to read and one that allows the reader to draw pictures in the mind's eye of what is described in prose.Bottom Line: If you have been in this area, I think you will enjoy reliving some the beauty and splendor of the country. If you have yet to make it here, it may be what inspires you to move it up on your travel priority list. I actually wish I had read it before I went AND upon my return. Two reads would have made sense.

It was so nice to read a book that is well written and edited. Mr. Dwyer gave vivid descriptions of where he was and what he was seeing and doing. You can read about his adventures bungee jumping, swimming with the sharks, diving under a raging sea and setting Africa on fire. He threw in

just enough history to make it interesting without being dry or boring. I was so interested that I did a ÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã Å“Google DriveÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã Â• around South Africa and was pleasantly surprised by how beautiful the country is. Of course there is the other side which the author described along with race and class distinctions that still exists. I would definitely read other books by Mr. Dwyer and would recommend this book to anyone.

This book provided a unique view into South Africa. John is a great storyteller and understands how to keep the reader engaged with just the right mix of history, culture and personal insight. When I finished this book I felt that I had accompanied John on this amazing journey. Overall a very entertaining read and I look forward to the next chronicle of John's world travels.

This was a very enjoyable book of this authors travels in South Africa. He takes us through the beautiful coastal towns of South Africa and into Swaziland. He has a very natural way of talking to us and drawing us into his adventures. He giving us wonderful descriptions of the area and some interesting history of the places he passes through, and of the people he meets..He will quite often recite a saying from Nelson Mandela's book, Long Walk to Freedom, which gave us even more insight into the feel of the country and it's people.

I received this ebook via Kindle through a promo by the author. More of the personal reflections with this travelogue narrative would have made it a richer experience. It all happened so fast, from one location to the next with occasional glimpses of the terrain and inhabitants. The history pieces were helpful and I enjoyed the geographic descriptions.

This is informative, well written, and interesting. The book tells of the author's journey on his long awaited trip to travel the world. This segment is from Cape Town to Kruger. He tells of amazing places and the people he met along the way.It's a good way to learn about these areas as they really are, and not in a fictional setting. An easy read that moves right along.

John Dwyer does an excellent job giving a non-tourist view of South Africa. While he highlights still existing racial tension, he has a very even handed approach and appreciates both sides.

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