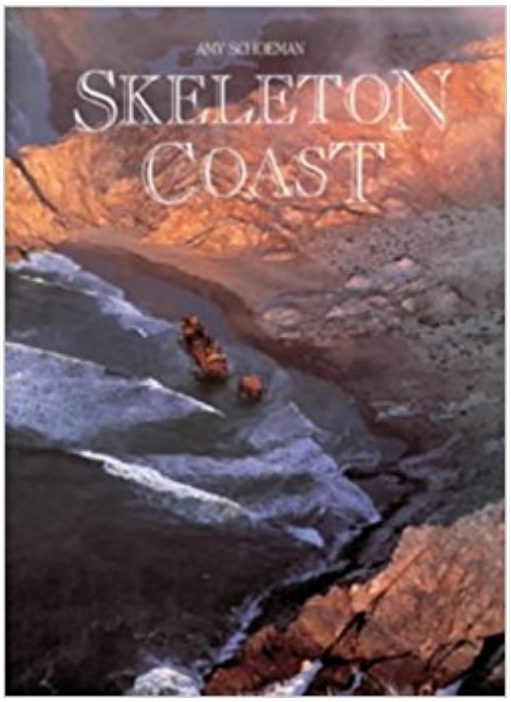
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It’s a fine book when it comes to books about deserts. However, I was expecting a book depicting and describing the shipwrecks of the Skeleton Coast. After all, that’s the attraction of the place (to me at least). The book is almost entirely about fauna and flora, geology, etc. There is nothing about the wrecks in this book. It really should be called the Namib Desert Coast and it should definitely not feature a shipwreck on the cover.

a definitive account by someone who knows & loves this mysterious & forlorn part of the world. well done. however, find the photographs very mediocre and that of a novice photographer. despite the limited photo technology of the time, the photos are no better than an occasional tourist shoot that doesn’t do justice to the special place. sorry, just speaking from an aesthetic point of view..... perhaps a better future edition with more revealing photos of this sublime place?

There is no doubt that the Skeleton Coast of Namibia is bleak and inhospitable. There was a time when Mariners would fear this particular stretch of coastline - and with good reason. Those who’s ships ran aground here had little chance of surviving the savage shoreline and those who were fortunate enough to come ashore had little chance of rescue. All they would find on the landward side was a bleached desert waste with few examples of the African wildlife they might otherwise expect to encounter.Today, of course, we have a wider appreciation of such unspoilt areas and the entire region is now a designated and protected National Park where none may enter without a permit.Such is the tranquillity of this forbidding region that even something as generally accepted as tyre tracks across the hardened sands are regarded as pollution. Such tracks may take over 100

years to disappear altogether.In this book, the author produces an excellent insight into what appears to be every aspect of the Skeleton Coast. Geology, climate, rivers, flora and fauna, early explorers, shipwrecks, lost aircraft, fortune hunters and much more besides - they are all explained here. It is an excellent book, easy to read and supported by some first rate photography.Of course, it is the shipwrecks which are my own main interest but I should also like to visit such a bleak and unspoilt place. Were I to do so, however, it would not remain so unspoilt. It is, therefore, one of those places I shall continue to put off visiting. In the meantime, I shall console myself by reading this book again.NM

I was given this book when I left Namibia in 1989 & never read it until this past week.I returned to Namibia on holiday in April 2011 and spent time at the skeleton coast park - what a wonderful place. I never visited it while living in Swakopmund.Amy’s book brought back all the happy memories of my holiday - it is an excellent book & I highly recommend it.Now all I want to do is find more of the authors books to read.

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