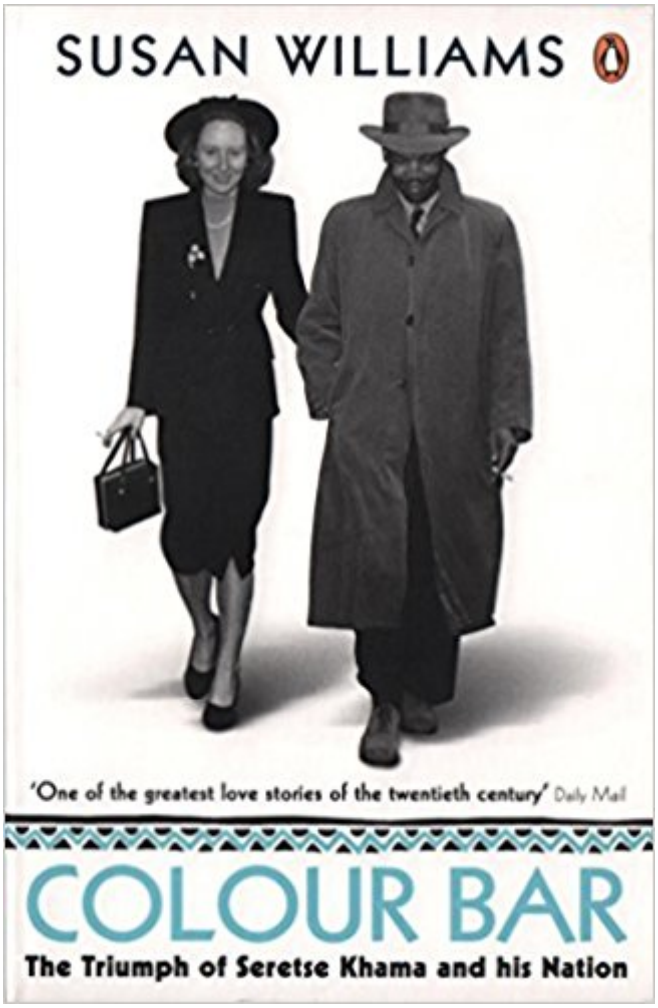
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This was marketed as a love story, but it was really a history book. The history of how Bechuanaland became Botswana, and how African countries were ruled under the British empire was very interesting, but that’s not what you thought you were getting when you bought the book. You never felt the deep love they had for each other, and thus understood why they went through what they did. I belive it was the writing, that it never captured you and never fully let the reader into their relationship. It was very historical with lots and lots of names and dates and events leading up to Botswana’s independence, but that’s not what you thought by reading the jacket cover.

The book is better than the movie. However, in both instances the story could have been told better. I enjoyed the read, and learning about a part of history that isn’t talked about here in The States.

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