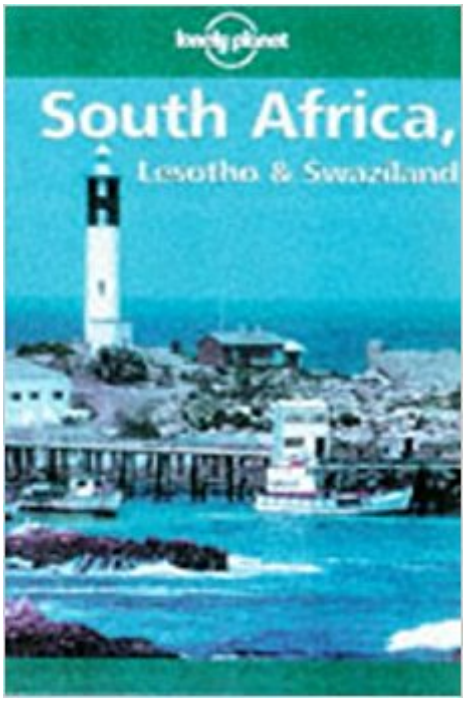
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Excellent travel atlas, used it incessantly for two months

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This book is an absolute dud and rates/deserves zero stars. Not only is just about all the information 3 years old, but this pathetic attemp misinforms travellers about everything especially safety. It would seem that this is just a reprint spiced up with one or two new details. I've been in tourism in SA 8 years and was astounded while reading sections. Places gets recommended you wouldn't see me dead in like an all night Steers fast food place in Durban centre for example - a definite/guaranteed redistribution of wealth waiting to happen. Then in Jo'burg 4 hostels mentioned after each other have all been closed for 3 years or more. I wouldn't even have picked up on that but the traveller who had the book tried them when arriving and he wasted about half an hour. He said he was also going to dump the book after i brought him up to speed on the Durban section. To Jon Murrays' defense (though i haven't met him) i don't think he is the guilty party. To my knowledge he hasn't even been in SA since 1996. But Jeff Williams has - a whole 3 weeks since 1996 of which he apparently spend 5 days in Swaziland. His political views on SA is well known in the industry here as is his alcoholism and his unprofessionalism. Although he has been tolerated up to now he will not be in future - not after this publication.

This must be one of the worst researched books ever written. IT IS OUT OF DATE! Too many places mentioned have closed down 3 years or more before printing. An unacceptably high number of telephone numbers are wrong. Advice given is quite out of date - this can be costly in Africa! This guide is badly rated by just about anyone that have used it. Of an estimated 600 or more pax that i have met that have used this ancient "bible" about 5% said it was OK, the rest hated it. I cannot recall 1 person saying that they have found it useful. I would seriously recommend that anyone contemplating buying this online first compare this with other travel books available. Pick a couple of things that interests you and compare the different guide books. Not Recommended at all.

Unlike other guides to Africa, this one is effective at stopping .30-06 rounds that have penetrated only several layers of drywall. I would seriously recommend this book to anyone looking to stop small arms fire from penetrating their living space. Body armor can be over 1000 dollars, but you

can get this beauty used for pennies + shipping!

This book typical of Lonely Planet guides--frank descriptions of places and activities covering a range of topics. I am a historian with a specialization in Southern Africa, and I have found that the places listed in the guide are selected with great care and attention. However, parts of the "tribal" sections contain incorrect information, errors that have remained uncorrected even in the most recent edition. The guide itself is terrific, but don't rely on it for historical information.

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