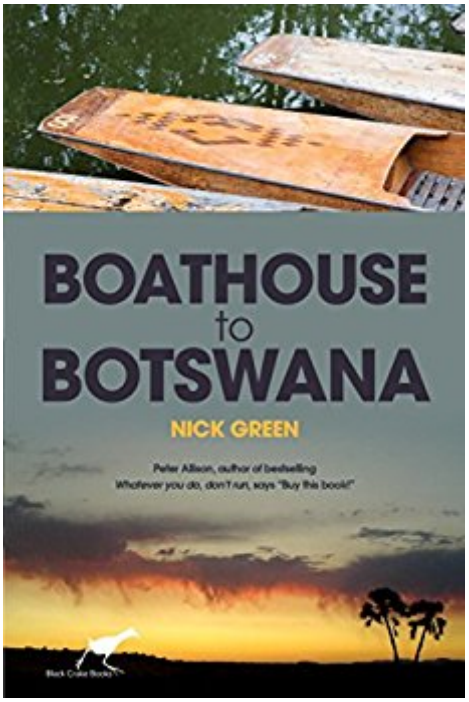
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Synopsis

A chance conversation at a friendÃ¢â ¬â„¢s wedding takes a very English restaurant manager from Oxford to the remotest deserts of NamibiaÃ¢â ¬â„¢s Skeleton Coast and the tropical swamplands of BotswanaÃ¢â ¬â„¢s Okavango Delta. Learning to cope with the heat and the tribal customs of the Himba and the San (Bushmen), adapting to work in an environment where confrontations with lions, elephants and leopards are the norm, often pale in comparison when considering the complexities of tackling the most curious beast of all Ã¢â ¬â œ the safari super-rich. Boathouse to Botswana takes us on a fascinating and funny journey, informative and insightful about both Namibia and Botswana it is also a fascinating history of the authorÃ¢â ¬â„¢s professional experiences over 18 years in the hospitality industry. Nick Green has written a travel book that enables us to share in the passion, the power, the excitement and the optimism that is Africa.

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Customer Reviews

The book was good and you cant beat the free price tag ... ha ha so I recommend it to readers of nonfiction

To call this a book is a stretch. It is largely a collection of unedited reminiscences about the many occasions when the author felt under-appreciated by others in the food or hospitality industry. Occasionally he finds something positive to say about a former colleague or manager, but the tone overall is rather petulant and sometimes juvenile. The title is particularly misleading; Botswana receives less than 10 pages of coverage and only at the very end. If you had hoped to learn something about Namibia (where most of the African episodes take place) or Botswana, think again. You may learn a bit of the local gossip about various Wilderness Safari lodges and personnel, but there is very little of interest about the local cultures or the wildlife. In short - a waste of $.

Nick Green’s "Boathouse to Botswana" is a rolicking ride to Africa, via England and Mexico. His honest approach to the restaurant industry, which finally led him to the safari lodges of Southern Africa gives one an insider’s feel of the behind the scene workings (and playing) of the industry. It was a quick read for me as I eagerly zeroed in on the events in Namibia. Thank you Nick for sharing, I always had a feeling that there was a lot of hard work(with a bit of chaos) behind the scenes of serenity we are so gifted with when on safari.I eagerly await his next book.

What a great book! It’s a straight dive into the two worlds of restaurants and wilderness safaris--and how they mix. Before I knew it, I was behind the scenes in places I didn’t even know existed! This is an entertaining and enlightening read--the perfect gift for anyone you know who enjoys good restaurants, good food and wine, and has been (or dreamed of) going on a wilderness safari.

I found that he was hard to follow quite often. His sentences seemed to go on forever. And perhaps because I am an American or not into food and fine dining, I didn’t recognize most of the names that he would list.

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