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Environment/Ecology

Wild Flowers of the Southern Namib / Antje Burke
Windhoek, Namibia: Namibia Scientific Society, 2004
112p.;
ISBN 9789991640723
\$ 29.95
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Wild Flowers of the Northern Namib / Antje Burke
Windhoek, Namibia: Namibia Scientific Society, 2005
112p.;
ISBN 9789991640532
\$ 29.95

In this book she introduces some of the fascinating plants that grow in the northern Namib that may be seen by people visiting Damaraland (Palmwag and Twyfelfontein area) and the Kaokoveld
<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=166880>

Wild Flowers of the Central Namib / Antje Burke
Windhoek, Namibia: Namibia Scientific Society, 2003
112p.;
ISBN 9789991640464
\$ 29.95
<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=166882>

Wild Flowers of the Central Highlands / Antje Burke
Windhoek, Namibia: Namibia Scientific Society, 2007
120p.;
ISBN 9789991640686
\$ 29.95
<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=166884>

111 Roadside Plants: A tribute to Namibia's fascinating plant life / Antje Burke
Windhoek, Namibia: Namibia Scientific Society, 2012
156p.;
ISBN 9789994576166
\$ 29.95
<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=166885>

A Profile and Atlas of the Cuvelai – Etosha Basin / John Mendelsohn
Windhoek, Namibia: Namibia Scientific Society, 2013
170p.;
ISBN 9789991678078
\$ 50.00
<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=166887>

Wild Horses in the Namib Desert: An equine biography / Manfred Goldbeck
Windhoek, Namibia: Namibia Scientific Society, 2014
104p.;
ISBN 9789994572526
\$ 39.50

Their origins steeped in mystery, the wild horses in the Namib Desert have captured imaginations and touched hearts. These resilient animals have survived in the desert for close to a century and have over the years become one of the main tourist attractions in southern Namibia
<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=166889>

Between the Atlantic and the Namib an Environmental History of Walvis Bay: Commissioned by the Walvis Bay Local Agenda 21 project / Melinda Silverman
Windhoek, Namibia: Namibia Scientific Society, 2004
70p.;
ISBN 9789991640488
\$ 16.00

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=166890>

History

“For Valour”: The History of the Iron Cross and Wound Badge in German South West Africa 1914-1918 / Gordon McGregor
Windhoek, Namibia: Namibia Scientific Society, 2005
128p.;
ISBN 9789991640617
\$ 29.95

This book hopes to fill the much neglected area of both the German and Namibian medallic history and research namely the so called colonial Iron Crosses and Wound Badges that were awarded in the German colony of South West Africa during the 1914 – 1915 war. The book will give the reader the background and events that led to the awarding of the ‘Hildegard Orden’, the only official variant of the 1914 Iron cross, in German South West Africa. Also included is the history of both the Iron Cross and Wound Badge that were awarded for the 1914 – 1915 campaign in the German colony as well as name lists of those that were awarded these decorations.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=166892>

Murder at Angra Pequena! / Gordon McGregor
Windhoek, Namibia: Namibia Scientific Society, 2012
56p.;
ISBN 9789994576111
\$ 12.00

The popular story told regarding the confederate ship, the CSS Alabama and her involvement with the town named Luderitz, normally runs as follows:

During the Civil War in America (1861 – 1865) the Confederate Ship ‘CSS Alabama’ used the lagoon Angra Pequena, today known as Luderitz as a base. The Frigate ‘USS Vanderbilt’, of the northern states discovered her there and a battle ensued between the two of them

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=166893>

The Native Pass Tokens of German South West Africa / Gordon
McGregor
Windhoek, Namibia: Namibia Scientific Society, 2013
66p.;
ISBN 9789994576203
\$ 29.95

This book provides an overview of the native pass tokens used in the colony of German South West Africa. The operation of the pass token system is described in detail along with the depiction of the individual tokens.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=163070>

Adventure in South West Africa 1894 – 1988 / Eberhard Rosenblad
Windhoek, Namibia: Namibia Scientific Society, 2007
184p.;
ISBN 9789991640754
\$ 39.50

This is the last of five joint publications by Jalmar (1917 – 2003) and lone Rudner on early Swedish travellers and pioneers in nineteenth-century south-western Africa. The renowned trade and ornithologist Axel Wilhelm Eriksson features prominently in each of them. Rosenblad's narrative of events in the last decade of the century included his participation in the strenuous Hartmann Expedition along the coast, other journeys and adventures, encounters with the indigenous peoples, and internecine strife in the territory at the time of the German occupation.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=111673>

The Most Successful African Businessman In Namibia: The Life Story Of Frans Aupa Indongo / A.Shiimi yaShiimi
Windhoek, Namibia: Namibia Scientific Society, 2007
145p.;
ISBN 9789991607443
\$ 32.00

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=166898>

Prisoner Of War Camp AUS 1915 – 1919 / Johann Bruwer
Windhoek, Namibia: Namibia Scientific Society, 2006
40p.;
ISBN 9789991640426
\$ 15.00

About two weeks after the surrender of the German Colonial Troops to the South African forces at Khorab on 9 July 1915, 797 German prisoners of war were brought by train from Otavi to Aus.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=166899>

Expelled From a Beloved Country: German Settlers in Southern Namibia between Colonial War and World War 1 / Eric Kanzler
Windhoek, Namibia: Namibia Scientific Society, 2003

95p.;
ISBN 9789991668598
\$ 29.95

In desperation Alfons and Stephan Schanderl look back to the shore retreating further and further until it finally disappears behind the horizon. The two brothers have just lost their existence and their new home: the farm Karios on the Fish River Canyon in the former colony of German South West Africa. After the Defeat of Imperial Germany the South African Union has taken over administration of the country and thousands of Germans are deported....

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=166901>

German Medals, British Soldiers and the Kalahari Desert: The South West Africa Commemorative Medal with the 'Kalahari' Bars Awarded To Imperial British Forces / Gordon McGregor

Windhoek, Namibia: Namibia Scientific Society, 2013
104p.;
ISBN 9789991640747
\$ 39.50

This book endeavours to portray the unique occurrence when Imperial Germany awarded her medals en-bloc to Imperial British troops for an operation deep in the Kalahari Desert in the northern part of the British colony of the Cape of Good Hope early the previous century.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=166902>

David Levin Of Twyfelfontein : The unknown story / Michiel Levin & Mannfred Goldbeck

Windhoek, Namibia: Namibia Scientific Society, 2013

85p.;

ISBN 9789991688879

\$ 25.00

The Twyfelfontein engravings have received worldwide acclaim over the years, yet little was known about the origin of the name twyfelfontein or about the ruins at the site. This was until keen historian, Mannfred Goldbeck, met up with Michiel Levin and heard the story of the farm, the Levin family and how David Levin came to name the farm, Twyfelfontein – ‘Doubtful Spring.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=166903>

Diamonds in the Desert: The story of August Stauch and his time / Olga Levinson

Windhoek, Namibia, Namibia Scientific Society, 1983

216p.;

ISBN 9789991640853

\$ 39.50

There is no other commodity with such an irresistible fascination as diamonds. People will risk all for them. They will betray, cheat, lie, deceive and murder. They will forfeit honour, friendship and loyalty. They will suffer privations and danger.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=166904>

The Equestrian Monument (Reiterdenkmal) 1912-2014: A Chronological document of reports, newspaper clippings and photos/illustrations

Windhoek, Namibia: Namibia Scientific Society, 2014

152p.;

ISBN 9789994576265

\$ 39.50

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=166905>

The Agony of Truth: Autobiography of Samson Ndeikwila
Windhoek, Namibia: Namibia Scientific Society, 2014
219p.;
ISBN 9789994576272
\$ 45.00

Many books have been written about Namibia, yet few are truthful and frank accounts of the long and meandering walk towards independence. Without fear of favour, Samson Ndeikwila's book narrates the journey of those who fought for Namibia's liberation – of those in exile as well as of those often unsung men and women who fought for independence at home.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=166906>

Memorable Moments from Namibia's Past / Gondwana Collection 5th edition
Windhoek, Namibia: Namibia Scientific Society, 2014
162p.;
ISBN 9789991689616
\$ 35.00

Did you know that back in 1910 a shipping route was opened from Luderitzbucht to New York? That the small piles of found next to roads in southern Namibia honour Haiseb, a Nama deity? And that superstition is part of everyday life in Namibia?

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=166907>

South West Africa in Pre-colonial Days: A Historical Days / Immo Bohlke (DVD)
Windhoek, Namibia: Namibia Scientific Society, 2013?
\$ 39.50

Namibia's distant past comes to life in this DVD which was produced by Immuno Bohlke, a local resident. From old-and partly previously unpublished-photos, pictures, official documents and maps, Immuno reconstructs the time period between 1450 and 1890. The lively narration takes you on the travels of hunters, trades and explorers.

Numerous records of missionaries inform us about the lives of the Nama, Herero Ovambo and their first encounters with white settlers. A definite must for every Namibia lover.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=166908>

Gondwana History: Memorable Moments from Namibia's past 1st
Volume

Windhoek, Namibia: Namibia Scientific Publishing, 2011

93p.;

ISBN 9789994572120

\$ 30.00

How did the camel thorn tree Gets its name and why is a rocky outcrop called Murder Hill? How is it possible that a coughing train steward served death to hundreds of people? And why was the popular Namibian holiday resort of Henties Bay founded as a result of a rhino hunt, of all things?

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=166909>

Gondwana History: Memorable Moments from Namibia's Past 2nd
Volume

Windhoek, Namibia: Namibia Scientific Society, 2011

111p.;

ISBN 9789994572540

\$ 30.00

Farmers armed with rockets and rainmaker aircraft, a suicidal groom in the desert, German South West Africa Holds Its breath at the investigation into an armed robbery at the Kupferberg road...these and other episodes from Namibian 19th and 20th century history will provide guaranteed reading pleasure and information in this second edition of Gondwana History

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=166910>

Gondwana History: Memorable Moments from Namibia's Past 4th
Volume

Windhoek, Namibia: Namibia Scientific Society, 2013

168p.;

ISBN 9789991688831

\$ 30.00

A farmer's wife fends off a lioness with her bare hands; courageous missionaries move into the hitherto unexplored Linyanti area in the middle of the 19th century; a German aristocrat gets lost in the Namib Desert and survives for four days without water and food...riveting and entertaining stories about Namibia and southern Africa await you in the fourth volume of our Gondwana History series.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=166911>

Gondwana History: Memorable Moments from Namibia's Past 3rd
Volume

Windhoek, Namibia: Namibia Scientific Society, 2012

127p.;

ISBN 9789994573226

\$ 30.00

A dramatic rescue operation on the Skeleton Coast, Nifty diamond smuggling in a brothel and a capricious tower built against the backdrop of the Tiras Mountains...The third volume in the Gondwana History series promises entertaining and exciting reading for Namibians as well as for anyone interested in Namibia.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=166912>

Law

Customary Law Ascertained Volume 1: The customary Law of the Owambo, Kavango and Caprivi Communities of Namibia / Manfred O Hinz

Windhoek, Namibia: Namibia Scientific Society, 2010

566p.;

ISBN 9789991640969

\$ 100.00

The customary laws of the various traditional communities of Namibia were neglected during colonialism. Although held in high esteem by these communities, customary law was seen by colonialism to be second-class law, if law at all. The Constitution of the Republic of Namibia has changed this, Article 66 of the Constitution confirms the validity of customary law and places it at the same level of recognition the validity of customary law and places it at the same level of recognition as the colonially introduced Roman-Dutch common law. At the same time, however, the reconfirmation of customary law by the constitution acknowledges time that the laws of traditional communities are part of the law of the independent Republic of Namibia. This means that customary law is, like any other law of the country, subject of the constitution, including the fundamental human rights and freedoms enshrined in it.

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Customary Law Ascertained Volume 2: The Customary Law of the Bakgalagari, Batswana and Damara Communities of Namibia / Manfred O Hinz

Windhoek Namibia: Namibia Scientific Society, 2013

505p.;

ISBN 9789991642116

\$ 100.00

Customary Law Ascertained Volume 2 is the second of a three-volume series in which traditional authorities in Namibia present the customary laws of their communities. It contains the laws of the Bakgalagari, the Batswana Ba Namibia and the Damara communities. Volume 1 contained the customary laws of the Owambo, Kavango and Caprivi Communities. Volume 3 contains the customary laws of the Nama, Ovaherero and Ovambanderu, and San communities.

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Biodiversity and the Ancestors: Challenges to Customary and Environmental Law: Case Studies from Namibia / Manfred O. Hinz and Oliver C. Ruppel
Windhoek, Namibia: Namibia Scientific Society, 2007
282p.;
ISBN 9789991640846
\$ 70.00

Biodiversity and the Ancestors Intends to span an are between legislative efforts on global, regional national and local levels and traditional ways of maintaining the environment and its biodiversity. On the other hand, the book serves as a guide to the broad range of provisions directly and indirectly relating to the protection of biological diversity. On the other hand, the case Studies Provides a unique insight into the practices, customs and customary laws of people living in Traditional settings and from various communities throughout Namibia. The publication is a source of information and provides guidance for lawyers, anthropologists, students, policymakers and all those members of the public interested in environmental concerns, biodiversity conservation and traditional custom in Namibia. It covers a broad variety of topics that include the protection of land, grass, medicinal plants, fish, and trees.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=111676>

In Search Of Justice And Peace: Traditional And Informal Justice Systems In Africa / Manfred O Hinz
Windhoek, Namibia: Namibia Scientific Society, 2010
463p.;
ISBN 9789991640921
\$ 80.00

In search of justice and peace offers articles about the very complex efforts undertaken by communities in various parts of Africa to secure justice and peace at the local level – sometimes in contrast to states, which ignore the local desire for justice or fail to provide their citizens with what a state is expected to provide, and sometimes in tandem with the institutions of the state. Traditional and informal justice systems have attracted the interest of scholars and international organisations alike.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=145712>

Knowledge lives in the lake: Case studies in environmental and customary law from southern Africa / Manfred O Hinz
Windhoek, Namibia: Namibia Scientific Society, 2012
274p.;
ISBN 9789991685588
\$ 65.00
<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=166915>

Literature

Bushman Curse / Misho
Windhoek, Namibia: Namibia Scientific Society, 2010
110p.;
ISBN 9789994571253
\$ 20.00

Bushman curse is a hunting novel based on a true story, and symbolises the predicament of a proud people struggling to keep up with the unstoppable advance of modernity. The tale describes the challenges of a skilled Bushman on a hunt after a long drought in the Kalahari Desert. We keep track of his prey with him, every step of the way, as he reveals his hunting motives and philosophy on life. The story develops as the hunter encounters a majestically built oryx, whose horns would make an exceptional trophy that would bring him the amount of money needed to enrol his daughter at school. His trials and tribulations lead him to make one tragic decision, but his incredible strength of spirit prevails.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=166916>

Mama Namibia / Mari Serebrov
Windhoek, Namibia: Wordweaver Publishing House, 2013
ISBN 9789991688961
\$ 35.00

Surviving on her own in the desert, 12-year-old Jahohora searches for her family while hiding from the German soldiers. It's 1904, and Germany has claimed all of South West Africa. Since the Herero would rather fight than surrender their ancestral homes, Gen. von Trotha has declared that they all should be forced into the Omaheke to die. Wasting away in the desert, Jahohora is about to give up her desperate struggle for life when she finds hope in a simple act of kindness from a Jewish doctor serving in the German army.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=166917>

This Is Not a Flowerpot / Amy Schoeman
Windhoek, Namibia: Wordweaver Publishing House, 2013
ISBN 9789991687896
\$ 36.00

This is not a flowerpot, author Amy Schoeman - with keen observation and an enduring sense of irony - chronicles Lizelle's journey from being a woman with no clear idea of what she wants to one who chooses personal freedom and control over her life. Sometimes shocking, often funny, this wry account of an imprudent marriage is abidingly entertaining. Above all it carries the torch for the abused woman.

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Travel Guidebooks

Windhoek: A brief city guide / Conny Von Dewitz
Windhoek, Namibia: Namibia Scientific Society, 2009
128p.;
ISBN 9789991640891
\$ 29.95

Your ideal companion in your exploration of our beautiful city Windhoek, situated in the heart of Namibia and starting point for all consecutive journeys.

A short text provides you with the historical background. Historical photos and colour photos of the present show the development of a particular building, monument or graveyard. An additional section is dedicated to the suburb Katutura and elaborates on its history as well as on places worth visiting. Geared with directions to the location and relevant maps will guarantee you to find your destination.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=166919>

Namibia – Fascination of Geology: A Travel Handbook / Nicole Grunert
Windhoek, Namibia: Namibia Scientific Society, 2003
250p.;
ISBN 9789991674780
\$ 50.00

For geoscientists Namibia has always been a country of particular interest. The greatly varied geological structures make the earth history of this region like an open book – all that remains is to read it.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=166920>

Touring Sesriem & Sossusvlei / P & M Bridgeford
Windhoek, Namibia: Namibia Scientific Society, 1997
66p.;
ISBN 9789991630779
\$ 10.00

The authors have lived and worked in the Namib for more than 25 years. This book answers the questions most commonly asked by visitors to this unique area.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=166921>

A Walk through Prehistoric Twyelfontein / by Shirley-Ann Pager
Windhoek, Namibia: Namibia Scientific Society
24p.;
ISBN 9789991675077
\$ 12.00

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=166922>

A Visit to the White Lady of the Brandberg / by Shirley-Ann Pager
Windhoek, Namibia: Namibia Scientific Society
22p.;
ISBN 9789991675053
\$ 12.00

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=166923>

Duwisib: A German Castle in Namibia and Its Masters Hansheinrich
Von Wolf / Harald N. Nestroy
Windhoek, Namibia: Namibia Scientific Society, 2002
103p.;
ISBN 9789991640303
\$ 29.50

One of the most spectacular historical structures in Namibia, and its
builder, the fascinating
Hansheinrich von Wolf, originally from Dresden and later captain in the
Imperial Colonial Forces in German South West Africa, Have both long
been the stuff of legends in Namibia.

The author, in preparation for his forthcoming biographical novel about
Hansheinrich, who, together with his young American wife Jayta,
Sought to make his African dream come true at Duwisib, has
undertaken extensive research on both Duwisib and the von wolfs.

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