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Hidden Cape Town / Paul Duncan Struik Lifestyle,South Africa 2013 240p.; 9781431702992 \$ 62.50 / HB

Duncan & Proust have collaborated to present a unique view of thirty of Cape Town's buildings, revealing the architectural secrets and artworks that are hidden behing their doors. The buildings reflect myriad cultural influences and include landmarks such as the Mount Nelson, the National Library, the Centre for the Book, Koopman's De Wet House, the Royal Observatory, St George's Cathedral, the Irma Stern Museum, the Greek Orthodox Cathedral and Founders House, Bishops.

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Wild Weekends: Place to Go, Things to Do / Claire Keeton, Marianne

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Bookstorm, South Africa 2013

205 p.:

9781920434489

\$ 37.00 / HB

They've collected 30 great weekend destinations and given you the lowdown on the adventure activities you can do in each – visit Waterval Boven and try climbing, a mountain bike trail or learn to fly fish; take your children on a hike to explore the sandstone formations of the Cederberg; go horse riding in the Drakensberg; or tackle an urban adventure and bungee jump from the Soweto cooling towers. Decide where you want to go and they'll tell you what adventures are waiting for you, or decide what activity you want to do and they'll tell you the best weekend destinations to head for. Wild Weekends covers destinations in all nine South African provinces, as well as Botswana, Lesotho, Kenya, Namibia, Tanzania and Zimbabwe. Activities covered include rock climbing, cycling, hiking, caving, horse riding, scuba and shark diving, snorkelling, sea kayaking, surfing, sailing, white-water rafting, croc diving, paragliding, skydiving, microlighting, Sandboarding, desert 4x4ing, bush adventures, archery, motor racing, rollerblading, fishing, snowboarding, skiing and ice climbing.

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JA WELL, NO FINE: an alternative guide to Cape Town / Tim Richman, Stuart Hendricks

Two Dogs Publishers, South Africa 2013

128 p.: ill. \$ 17.00 / HB Ja Well No Fine is, well, ja, like a book, bru. About South Africa, nogal, – a.k.a. Suid Afrika, Sefrica, Mzansi Fo' Sho' – and how it all fits together, you check. Sharp sharp, wena...

But it's not just about slang and Safricanisms; it's also about our people, places, things, foods, habits, sport, fashion, culture and politics. It's about all the wonderful (and flippen annoying) little things that make up the country we live in, from the legal requirements of boerewors (not braai wors!) to the psychological explanation for why watching Carte Blanche on a Sunday night is bad for your

In short, it's an (alternative, entertaining, enlightening, irreverent) A-Z guide to South Africa through cliches, stereotypes, and other dingamalietjies.

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THE HISTORICAL KAROO: traces of the past in South Africa's arid interior / Chris Schoeman

Zebra Press, South Africa 2013 220 p.: col. ill., ports., maps. 9781770225688

\$ 42.00 / HB

To many people, especially those driving along the N1 national road at high speeds, the Karoo represents nothing more than a monotonous, hot and arid landscape to be passed through as quickly as possible. But in this vast, open region, history is everywhere, if visitors would only look for it. And that is exactly the purpose of this book: to point out all the many places, buildings, objects and associated personalities of historical interest in the Karoo.

The Karoo has been the world of travellers, writers, statesmen and scientists, figures as diverse as Olive Schreiner, Rudyard Kipling, Winston Churchill and Dr Chris Barnard. It has also been the scene of serious conflict, of which the many old British blockhouses, forts, grave sites and memorials dating from the Anglo-Boar War are vivid reminders; and it still boasts old examples of vernacular and Boer War are vivid reminders; and it still boasts old examples of vernacular and industrial architecture, and engineering, in the form of corbelled houses, water mills and bridges.

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Almost Sleeping My Way To Timbuktu: West Africa on a shoestring by public transport with no French / Sihle Khumalo

Umuzi, South Africa 2013

285 p.: map. 9781415203989 \$ 35.00 / HB

Sihle Khumalo loves a challenge. He likes to think on his feet and prefers to depart from what can only be called a wish list.

The plans for his trip to West Africa were lean on practical detail but grand in concept: 'to visit Five World Heritage Sites listed by UNESCO for their historical and cultural significance'. He had never set foot in Senegal, Mali, Burkina Faso, Benin or Togo, but not to worry, he would inform himself about Francophone Africa as he went along, and conclude in an English speaking country. Had he informed himself more thoroughly beforehand, pondered the implications of having next-to-no French in a part of the world where it is the lingua franca, or what public transport may be like in a country with no infrastructure to speak of, he might have set off less bright-eved and bushy-tailed. But Sible is not one to be

he might have set off less bright-eyed and bushy-tailed. But Sihle is not one to be deterred by setbacks and dead-ends.

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2014 Hong Kong Map / Face Magazine Limited., Hong Kong 2014 Includes Index 9789628751266 \$ 30.00 / PB 756 gm.

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Hong Kong Guide: Gazetteer of Street and Place Names 2014 / Survey and Mapping Office, Buildings & land Dept., Hong Kong 2014 408p 9789625672786 \$ 30.00 / PB 820 gm.

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