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Ecology/Environment

Ruling Nature, Controlling People : Nature Conservation, Development and War in North-Eastern Namibia since the 1920s / (Foreword) Maano Ramutsindela
Basel, Switzerland: Basler Afrika Bibliographien, 2018
xii, 268p. ; 244 x 170 mm.
Includes Index ; Bibliography
ISSN: 2234-9561 ; 9783906927008
Basel Namibia Studies Series 19
\$ 38.00 / PB
518gm.

Recent nature conservation initiatives in Southern Africa such as communal conservancies and peace parks are often embedded in narratives of economic development and ecological research. They are also increasingly marked by militarisation and violence. In *Ruling Nature, Controlling People*, Luregn Lenggenhager shows that these features were also characteristic of South African rule over the Caprivi Strip region in North-Eastern Namibia, especially in the fields of forestry, fisheries and, ultimately, wildlife conservation. In the process, the increasingly internationalised war in the region from the late 1960s until Namibia's independence in 1990 became intricately interlinked with contemporary nature conservation, ecology and economic development projects. By retracing such interdependencies, Lenggenhager provides a novel perspective from which to examine the history of a region which has until now barely entered the focus of historical research. He thereby highlights the enduring relevance of the supposedly peripheral Caprivi and its military, scientific and environmental histories for efforts to develop a deeper understanding of the ways in which apartheid South Africa exerted state power.

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History

South West Africa in Early Times : Being the story of South West Africa up to the date of Maharero's death in 1890 / Heinrich Vedder (Edited & Translated) Cyril G. Hall

Reprinted Edition

Windhoek: Namibia Scientific Society, 2016

xvi, 530p.

Includes Index

9789994576425

\$ 70.00 / PB

730gm.

With the interesting political developments that have occurred within the country subsequent to the first publication of this work, it was felt that this opportunity should be taken to reprint Heinrich Vedder's South West Africa in Early Times.

This detailed study of the history of South West Africa up to the date of Chief Maharero's death in 1890 was originally published in German; in 1938 it appeared for the first time in an English version, being recognized as the first standard work on the subject. The author's extensive ethnological and linguistic studies endowed him with the knowledge to give a detailed account of the country and its people, as well as of the customs and languages of the different tribes. A considerable part of the book deals with the progressing colonization of the country by European pioneers whose various adventures, experiences and actions were recorded in a mass of "old notes, letters, reports and diaries", while the historical part is supplemented by an ethnological account of the native tribes. This is a scholarly work, and with its regard for folklore and tribal tradition as well as for historical facts it recommends itself to all who are compassionate about the country. It is hoped that its reissue will promote the understanding of current challenges facing Namibia, for it remains an extremely valuable account of this part of the African continent.

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The Merit Medal for Combatants in German South West Africa 1892-1918 : Part 8:
Medals & Badges / Gordon McGregor
Windhoek: Kuiseb Publishers, 2017
72p.
9789994576395
\$ 30.00 / PB
144gm.

This book places on record the awarding of medals by the German Military Authorities to members of the Native population in the former colony of German South West Africa. These members of the Native population were in the military service in the Colonial Troops and fought integrally with the Colonial Troops during the various campaigns within the colony. The book is not a work on the history of or the politics of their service in the former colony but deals rather specifically with the medal awarded to these members of the Native population as from 1892 to 1918 when the country ceased to be a German colony. This book is a must on the bookshelf of every historian of German South West Africa, the Colonial Troops for German South West Africa or collector of the medals of German South West Africa.

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How the Port of Walvis Bay became Namibian : This is my story / Nils Bruzelius
Windhoek: Kuiseb Publishers, 2017
144p.
9789994576487
\$ 40.00/ PB
200gm.

Walvis Bay was for a long period a very isolated place located in the Namib Desert and on the Atlantic coast. Its main asset was a sand spit that allowed for safe anchorage, virtually the only such place along the 1350 km of coastline of Namibia.

By the twists and turns of history, an area of 1124 squ.km of territory became known as the Walvis Bay enclave, and remained under South African control in 1990 when Namibia obtained its independence. The control of the enclave gave South Africa considerable advantage in a situation still characterised by conflict in Southern Africa. However, as South Africa quickly moved towards majority rule, tensions eased and in 1994 the enclave was integrated into Namibia.

The transfer was by no means easily accomplished. This book is the only written document on what actually happened when Walvis Bay became Namibian. The emphasis of the narrative is on the port in the enclave, its main asset.

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Israel Goldblatt : Building Bridges - Namibian Nationalists Clemens Kapuuo, Hosea Kutako, Brendan Simbwaye, Samuel Witbooi
Basel, Switzerland: Basler Afrika Bibliographien, 2010
xx, 144p.
Includes Index ; Bibliography
ISSN: 1660-9638 ; 9783905758160
Lives Legacies Legends Series No. 07
\$ 40.00 / PB
440gm.

Windhoek in the early 1960s: the 34-year-old politician Clemens Kapuuo knocks at the door of the senior advocate Israel Goldblatt to solicit advice regarding the myriad of difficulties encountered by Africans daily under the apartheid regime. An unusual relationship and friendship develops, one that transcends the racial divide in this South African-governed Territory and will last for nearly 10 years. Meeting in Goldblatt's chambers, at his home and in the Old Location, other participants in the consultations included the veteran politician Chief Hosea Kutako and a group of younger nationalists, among them Rev. Bartholomews Karuaera and Levy Nganjone. Through Kapuuo, Goldblatt also met Kaptein Samuel Witbooi and counselled the long-term prisoner from Caprivi, Brendan Simbwaye. Israel Goldblatt's notes on these meetings were discovered after his death and form the core of this book. They are complemented by additional biographical information about his interlocutors, and annotations that place his notes in their historical and political context. Illustrated with many photographs, this publication pays tribute to Israel Goldblatt and the Namibian nationalists who attempted to build bridges where apartheid entrenched racism and suspicion.

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Law

SADC Law Journal, Volume 4 (Four), Number 1, 2014/15 / (Ed-in-Chief) Evance Kalula (French Translator) Theodore Kamwimbi
Windhoek: SADC Law Journal Trust, 2015
xxiv, 224p.
ISSN: 2026-7193
\$ 50.00/ PB
394gm.
<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=462292>

Literature

Every December : Namibian Christmas – Stories, Reflections, Poems / (Ed) Waltraut Fritzsche (et al.)

Windhoek: Kuiseb Publishers, 2017

104p.

9789994576531

\$ 30.00 / PB

152gm.

Christmas! – The holy days, die groot dae, the ultimate family festival is celebrated all over the world – but how is it celebrated in Namibia? In our country 95 % of people are Christians, but what meaning is attached to the most important of all Christian holidays (=holy-days) during the hottest season of our year by our different cultures, different generations, different individuals?

To find out, the Namibia Scientific Society invited Namibian writers, poets, journalists and thinkers to submit stories, reflections and poems on the theme “Christmas in Namibia”. The response was enthusiastic and the result is this book.

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