

# From Mrs. Ples to Mandela and Marikana: A Journey Through the History of South Africa

From Mrs. Ples to Mandela and Marikana is a compelling account of the history of South Africa, from the discovery of the famous hominid fossil Mrs. Ples to the present day. The book is written by award-winning author and historian Adam Habib, and it provides a unique and insightful perspective on the country's past and present.

The book begins with the discovery of Mrs. Ples in 1947. This fossil was a major breakthrough in the study of human evolution, and it helped to cement South Africa's place as a leader in the field of paleoanthropology. From there, Habib takes readers on a journey through the country's colonial past, the apartheid era, and the post-apartheid era. He explores the key events and 人物 that have shaped South Africa's history, and he provides a nuanced and balanced analysis of the country's current challenges.



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Habib's writing is clear and concise, and he has a gift for storytelling. He brings the history of South Africa to life, and he makes it accessible to readers of all backgrounds. The book is also beautifully illustrated with photographs and maps, which help to bring the story to life.

From Mrs. Ples to Mandela and Marikana is an essential read for anyone who wants to understand the history of South Africa. It is a well-written, informative, and engaging book that will appeal to a wide range of readers.

### **About the Author**

Adam Habib is a South African academic and public intellectual. He is currently the Vice-Chancellor of the University of the Witwatersrand. Habib is a leading expert on the history of South Africa, and he has written extensively on the country's politics, economy, and society. He is the author of several books, including *South Africa's Silent Revolution* and *The New South Africa: After Mandela and Mbeki*.

### **Reviews**

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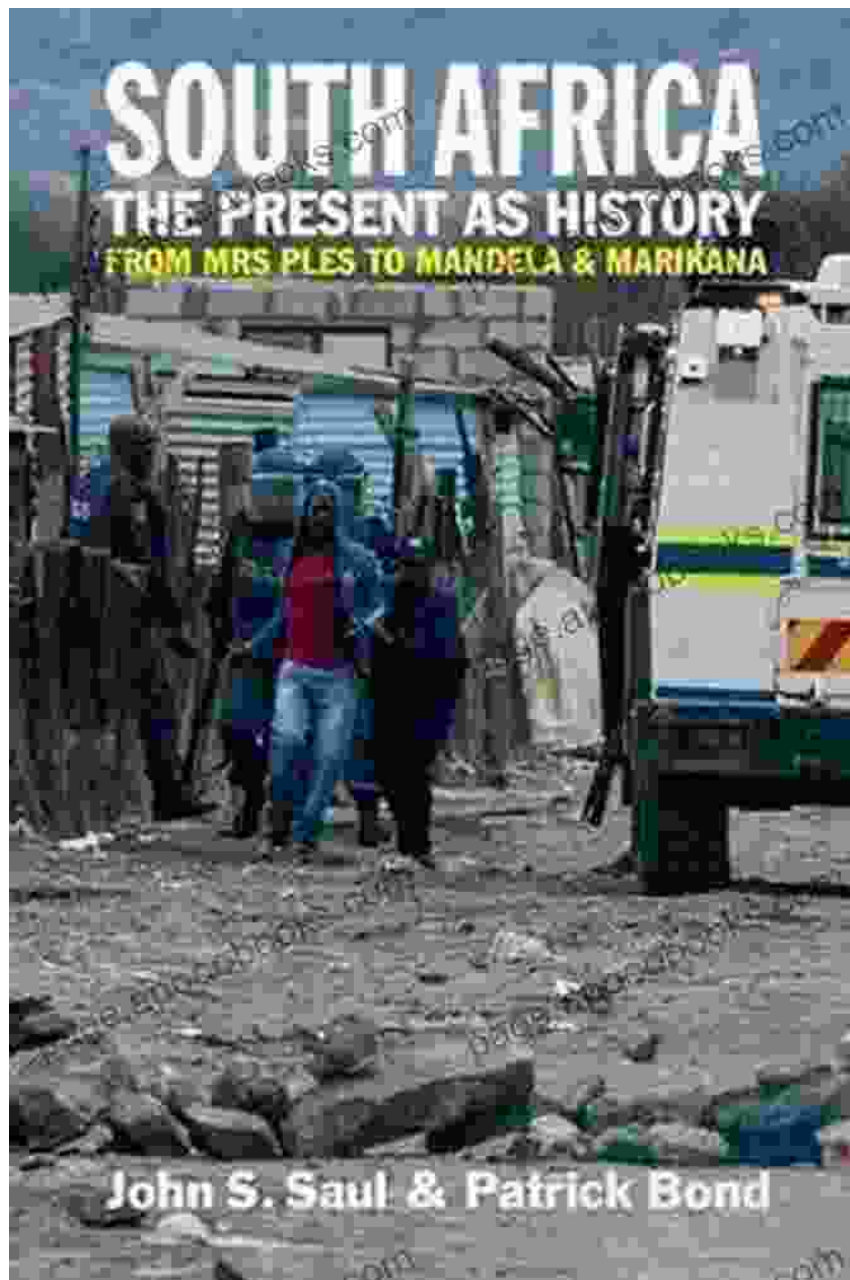
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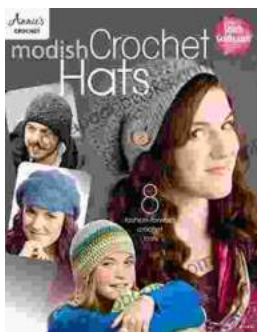
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