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ESSENTIAL ILLUSTRATED WILDLIFE GUIDE TO SOUTHERN AFRICA ■■■

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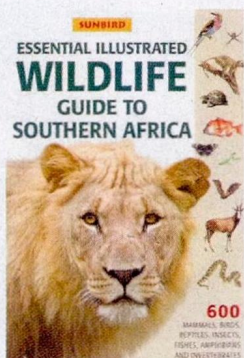
If yours is a family that holidays in game parks or loves to explore protected marine reserves you'll love this easy-to-navigate reference to more than 600 of the most common wildlife species of our region.

Updated and edited by environmentalist and nature writer David Bristow, the guide features clear descriptions and photographs of mammals, birds, insects, amphibians, fishes and reptiles. Each entry includes the animal's size, colour, habitat and similar species, making on-site identification a cinch. There's also a distribution map for each, alternative names in several local dialects and tips on how to photograph wildlife, how to understand animal behaviour and how to find mammals when tracking game in the open. The final chapter tells you what to look out for in each region.

Kids will love this book as a reference for school projects. Any patch of land no matter how small, Bristow says, is teeming with life. Use this book to explore it.

- TONI YOUNGHUSBAND

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BAD BLOOD

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BY AMANDA COETZEE
Pan Macmillan

This is the sort of book that can be devoured in a single sitting – the writing is simple, the plot engaging and the pace quick enough to get the adrenaline flowing.

In her debut novel

Amanda Coetzee introduces an interesting character, Harry O'Connor. Abandoned by his mother as a child, he's taken in and raised by a group of travelling gypsies.

Despite the love he received in this close-knit community he always feels something is missing and spends years wondering what happened to his parents. Eventually the pain of not knowing becomes too much and he flees his gypsy clan, making a name for himself as a no-nonsense undercover cop. After years of burying his childhood he is forced to confront his past when he's called in to find a child gone missing from his former clan. Will Harry be able to face the truth of where he comes from before it's too late for the gypsy boy?

I thoroughly enjoyed Coetzee's first novel and look forward to reading more of her writing in years to come.

- CLAIRE REDDIE

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