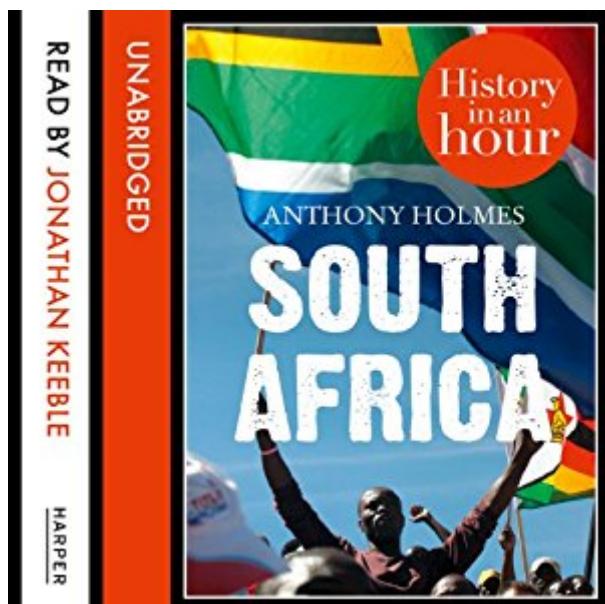


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# South Africa: History In An Hour



## **Synopsis**

With the passing of Nelson Mandela, 'the father of the nation', comes the end of an era, and the moment to look back on his remarkable saving, and remaking, of South Africa. After years of oppression and racial inequality, concentrated violence and apartheid, Mandela led the country to unite 'for the freedom of us all' as the country's first black President. *South Africa: History in an Hour* gives a lively account of the formation of modern South Africa, from the first contact with seventeenth-century European sailors, through the colonial era, the Boer Wars, apartheid and the establishment of a tolerant democracy in the late twentieth century. Here is a clear and fascinating overview of the emergence of the 'Rainbow Nation'. Know your stuff: read about South African history in just one hour.

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## **Customer Reviews**

The history of South Africa, like most national histories, is too rich to sum up in an hour's read. Based on what I already knew about South Africa's history, this short book does a nice job of hitting the high points. I don't think it covers the incomprehensible injustices of apartheid as well as it could have but on the whole, the book provides a reasonable picture of the country's journey to the present.

Great overview of South Africa. I bought the kindle edition, and felt the length and style of this book were perfect for the kindle format. I would read other books in this series. Reading this won't make you an expert on South Africa but will give you enough context to be able to dive deeper into other

books. I bought this to help me write a paper on South Africa history, and felt it was worth the investment.

This is hardly a relaxing read since there is so much to explain to an audience that is largely unfamiliar with any of the story other than a general impression of Mandela's life. It would be a good read if you plan to visit South Africa, although it will take multiple returns to the book to develop a clear sense of the twentieth century history. Given the challenge, the author has selected a balanced collection of details for each decade of the 20th century with only a brief smattering of the colonial history, which is likely of less interest to readers. After reading this one could better choose other books to follow particular threads in more detail.

This book is what it purports to be; a broad overview that does not cover many significant events. However, it did spark my interest in reading more in-depth histories of South Africa.

If you want to absorb the history of a country in the flight to S Africa - this was a perfect synopsis. Readable and enjoyable!

This is a nice overview of the history of South Africa, the constant conflicts between cultures and the role played by main figures such as Verwoerd, Foster and Botha in keeping the apartheid; and Mandela, Sisulu, Tambo and de Klerk in fighting against it. Although not much is said about the actions of the Truth and Reconciliation commission headed by Nobel Prize winner archbishop Tutu, this short book is a valuable way to learn more about the history of the "rainbow nation" towards freedom and equality.

Excellent and clear summary of the political history of SA - would be interesting if they added more about the geography and ancient history. But then I guess it would be SA in 2 hours...

Reads like a poorly written thesis - I wouldn't recommend wasting the time to read it - buy a more reputable source, even if it is longer

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