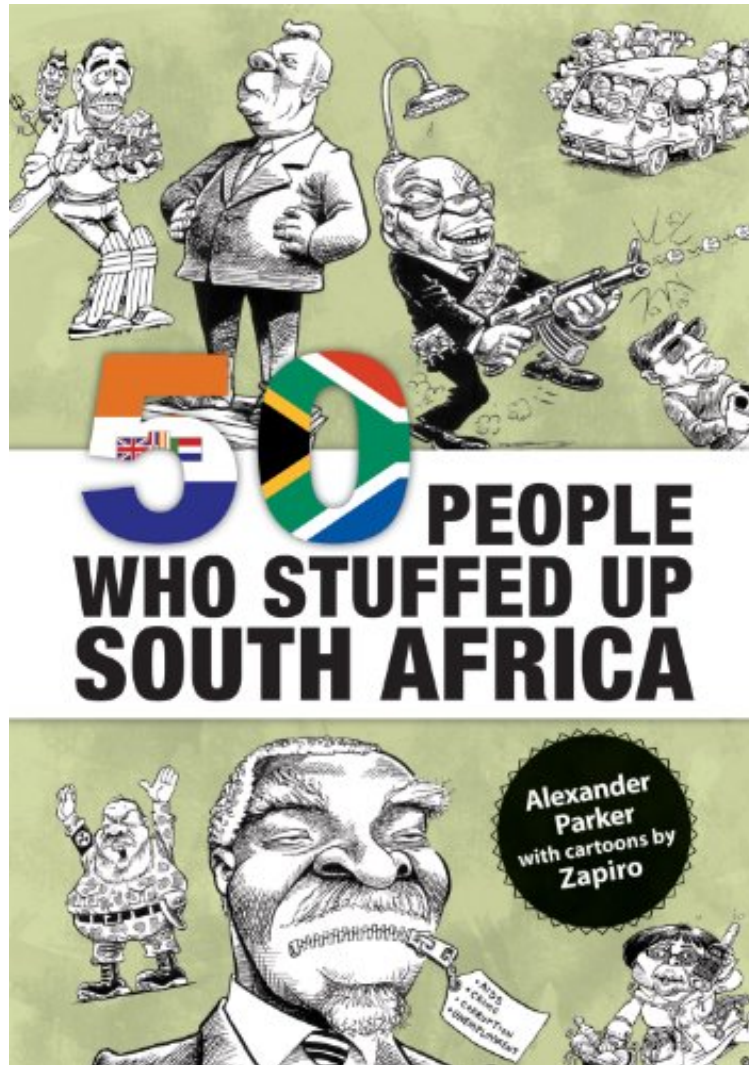


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Alexander Parker : 50 People Who Stuffed Up South Africa before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised 50 People Who Stuffed Up South Africa:

5 of 5 people found the following review helpful. My gat af gelagBy ShadeburstShakespeare's "Merchant of Venice" is flawed by anti-semitism but that doesn't stop it from being great literature."50 People" has flaws. It isn't great literature but it's damn good satire. Alex Parker writes fluently and well for a fast-paced read. If you buy it as a toilet book you're going to spend a lot more time on the throne than you planned.Parker takes aim at some dangerous targets and I'd be surprised if he doesn't get death threats. Naïvete or courage?The book is flawed by some strange inclusions. Kevin Pieterse's a twit but so what? He isn't a lead character. He's an extra, or is it a bye? (Perhaps Mrs. Parker

remarked that KP is quite good-looking.) Sol Kerzner? Are you mad, Alex? He's our hero! The bitter expat and the polo guy? Probably included to add a white balance to the collection. The exclusions harm the book even more. Winnie, Nkosazana Z, and Robert McBride surely deserved their chance at the limelight. Parker totally fails to mention Essop Pahad's greatest stuff-up, namely Outcomes Based Education, creating a new Lost Generation to match and even outdo the tragedy of the Soweto rioters. I don't mean this as criticism. I'm hoping that Alex and his editor, Tim Richman, will take my comments into account when drafting the second edition. Alex Parker did not intend the book to be taken too seriously. He happily indulges in wild exaggeration, unfounded rumour, and glib assumptions, but it's all in a spirit of challenge. For example in the Mark Thatcher profile Parker praises the SA Police for their excellent detective work. (Completely straight-faced too.) If you don't agree with some, many, or any of his statements (HECK but he writes a lot of opinionated drivel), stop and think how you would go about refuting him. Not easy, is it? You just sort of generally took it for granted that everybody knows that... So you thought you knew South Africa. Huh. Buy this book. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Great read. By Geoff Sturges This book has obviously had an alliterative influence from the book "50 People Who Have Bugged Up Britain". It brings back lots of memories of self-interested behaviour by greedy and/or incompetent people. Some notable omissions are: Mangosuthu "Gatsha" Buthelezi (Prince, Film star, Political thug, Orator). The Gupta family, mentioned several times but deserve their own entry. Aziz Pahad, bro of Essop, who believed that if a country had "Democratic" in its name it was democratic. Alexander Steward (SA's own Lord Haw-Haw) who placated English-speaking Nats. Dennis Worrall (of tricameral bathroom fame) may also warrant a mention. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Hilarious! By Penny I picked this book up at the airport; best flight of my life! Parker's descriptions of the 50 obvious and not so obvious candidates are great and true, and Zapiro's cartoons work perfectly. The book is funny and informative at the same time. I give it a well-deserved 5 stars!

Delving into culture, politics, sports, and war, this list of the worst villains in South Africa's history is inspired by books such as 110 People Who Are Screwing up America. The project provides a solid roster of people who have steered the good ship South Africa firmly in the wrong direction by virtue of their ruinous megalomania, foul beliefs, or general idiocy. Among those profiled are 1652 explorer Jan van Riebeeck, warmonger Lord Milner, Cecil Rhodes, and sports villain Richie Benaud.

About the Author Alexander Parker is the author of 25 Cars to Drive Before You Die.