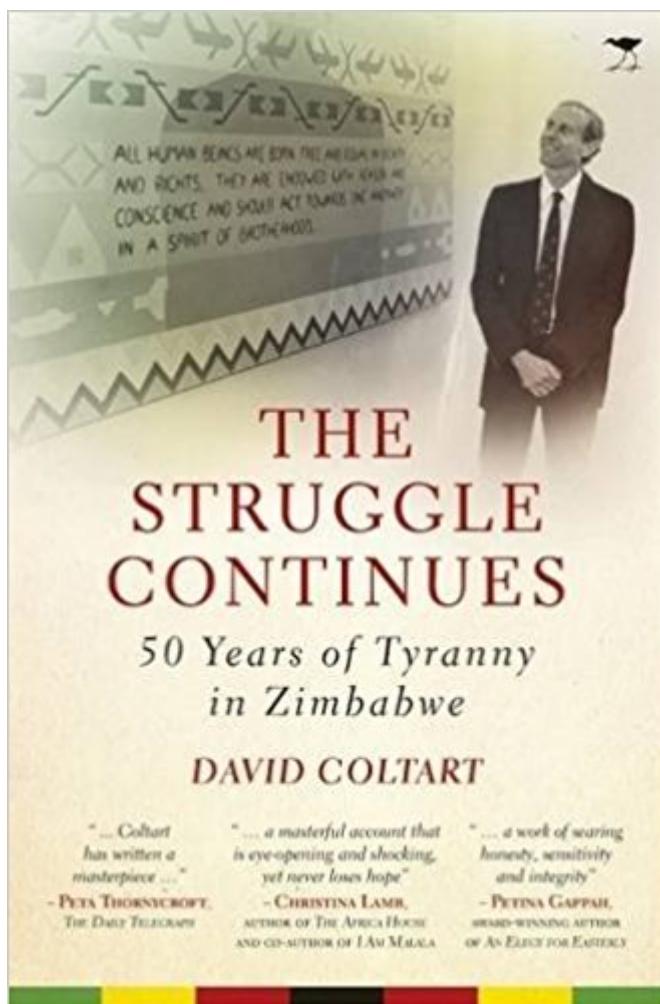


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The Struggle Continues: 50 Years Of Tyranny In Zimbabwe



Synopsis

David Coltart is one of the most prominent political and human rights figures in Zimbabwe. In 2000, he was elected to Parliament and, following the creation of a ÆœcoalitionÆ« government in September 2008, he was appointed Minister of Education, Sport, Arts and Culture, a position he held until August 2013. Over the years, Coltart has been threatened, detained, spuriously prosecuted and has survived several direct attempts on his life. For three decades, Coltart has kept detailed notes and records of all his work, including a meticulous diary of Cabinet dealings, the source material for much of his book.

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Customer Reviews

David Coltart is a Zimbabwean citizen, and is resident in Bulawayo, Zimbabwe. He has served three terms in Parliament, ending in the Senate.

A must read for those observing Zimbabwe politics. Coltart relates the sad story of Mugabe's empire, snatched from the people on the back of a so called liberation struggle. Of course, liberation politics never left his arsenal, it was deployed in the messy pillaging of Matabeleland, destroying innocent civilians in the search for ghost enemies, or anything perceived a threat to the nouveau regime. The author's involvement in opposition politics immersed him in real confrontation and ugly exposure to the all powerful 'party' and its faithful clan, all calling the shots; the duplicity and the corruption. The subversion of government to subservience to the party and the thorough indoctrination of both the military and the police were key to Mugabe's quest for eternal power.

Stolen elections, disappearing people, and a concatenation of dishonest, evil governance and the eventual demise of the economy are catalogued in this work. Coltart captures the essence of Zimbabwe post 1980 and I commend this book to all.

The struggle continues, it surely does. Being a young zimbo that has had to move from my country that I love, I grew an emotional attachment to this book, Mr. Coltart writes with a passionate and an unbiased style, I drew too many parallels between my own personal experiences and what this book shines a light on. I highly recommend *The Struggle Continues* to all who have an inkling of interest in the Southern African sphere, the implications of imperial colonisation and the power of the human spirit.

A very good review of the recent history of Zimbabwe, allowing the reader to understand how this country with so much potential has fallen in disrepair. It is nicely interspersed with information about the author's own growth who, ironically, started off as a believer in Smith's white only government. The author grew, in large part because as he was learning to become a lawyer he came across people in trouble and sympathized with them. This allowed him to see events in his country and in southern Africa from a much broader perspective. Unfortunately, the rules of Zimbabwe, whether white or black, never seem to have developed any sympathy with the citizens of the country and consequently have maintained their narrow perspective on how that country is to be ruled. Well written, although it is sometimes hard to remember what the local acronyms refer to. Highly recommended.

Although this book is somewhat depressing and there are historic moments that were left out (such as when Queen Elizabeth revoked Mugabe's Knighthood), it's given me a new respect for the Zimbabwean government and its inner workings. David's time as Minister of Education, Arts, Sport and Culture really allowed me to see inside government. I wish that other ministers in Zimbabwe had the same transparency. It's truly an amazing history of Zimbabwe. The Zimbabwean government is always dealing with damage control that it has no time or desire to focus on anything else. This is an amazing story of how one bad decision leads to another, and another, and how the government is constantly having to take evasive action which just leads to another crises.

This is a well-written and informative combination of a modern history of Zimbabwe and memoir. For most of his life, David Coltart has been, in Teddy Roosevelt's words, "the man who is actually in the

arena," and his perspective as a citizen, father and husband, human rights lawyer, and politician makes this the best account I have read of Zimbabwe's complex history, politics, and economics. For anyone seeking to understand Zimbabwe, its people, and its challenges, this is a must read.

This is such a comprehensive book of all that has effected so many lives in Southern Africa and especially Zimbabwe. Constantly one asks how we let this happen? It fills in so many gaps of what we thought but did not really know. We, like most experienced the brutal aspects of a turbulent country. Constantly amazed how we just carried on making a plan to survive the next indignity. Indeed it's still the case. A beautiful country and lovely people juxtaposed with awful governance and corruption. High praise for this work and continuing praise for David Coltart in still fighting the good fight!

This book opened my eyes to so much that has happened in Zimbabwe that outsiders do not see. I grew up in Zimbabwe, and as a writer of romantic suspense novels set in Zim, I have been doing detailed research for some time into ongoing developments in Zimbabwe so as to bring a sense of reality to these books: "Shadows along the Zambezi" and its sequel, which I am still writing. David Coltart's story is worth reading.

David Coltart is a true Zimbabwean and writes truthfully about the unbelievable brutal war waged on its people by the political party in charge. David's commitment to the betterment of this country must be commended. A must read for all Zimbabweans, but more importantly, a must read for those in the West who tend to turn a blind eye to the realities that besiege this nation.

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