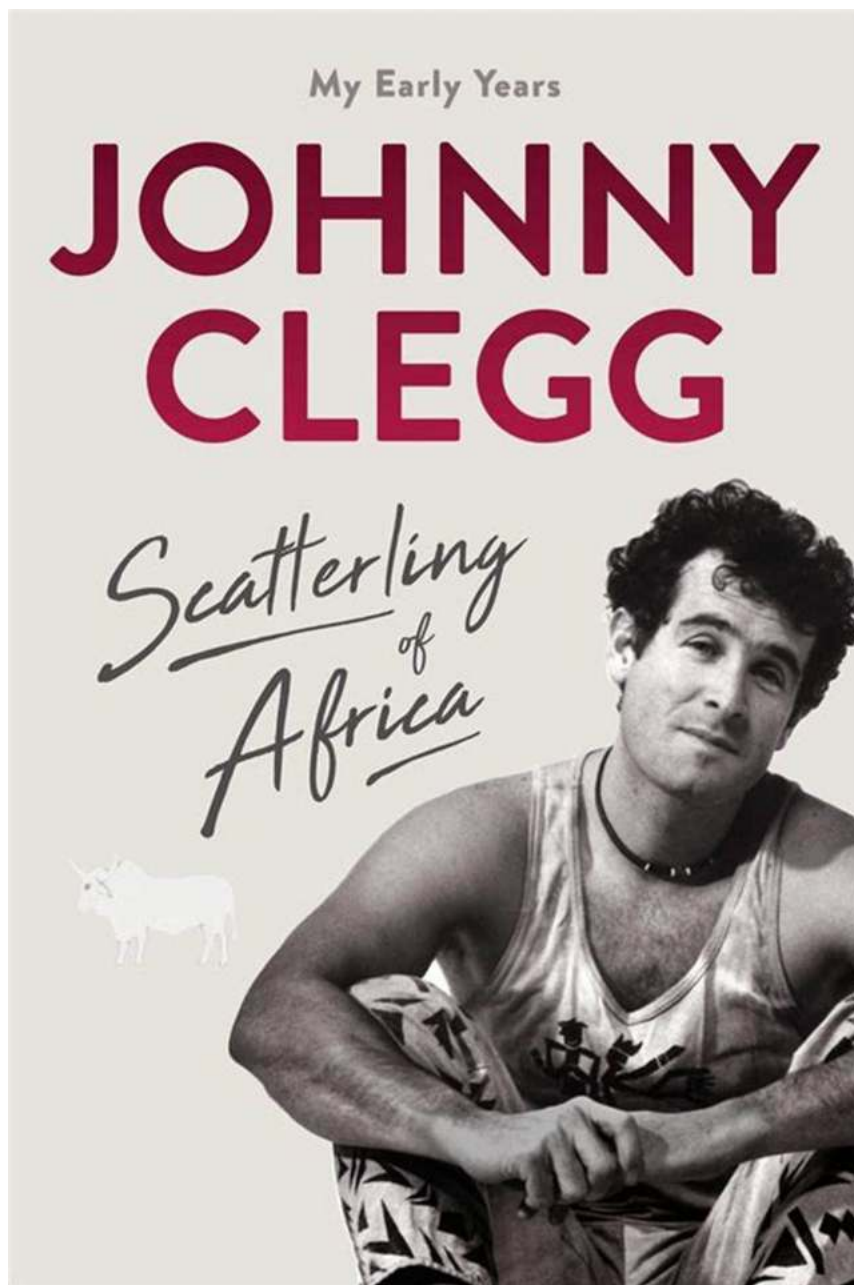


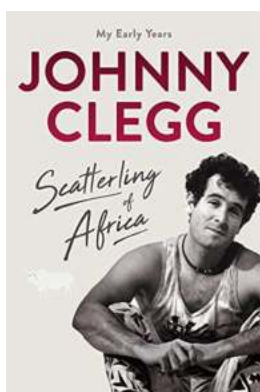
Scatterling of Africa: My Early Years



Are you ready to embark on an exhilarating journey through Africa? Join me as I dive into the depths of my early years, exploring the rich culture, diverse landscapes, and the extraordinary people that make up this fascinating continent. Strap yourself in for an adventure of a lifetime!

A Continent of Contrasts

Africa, often referred to as the cradle of humankind, is a continent that truly comes alive with its captivating contrasts. From the vast savannahs of Serengeti to the towering mountains of Kilimanjaro, this land boasts a striking array of natural wonders. As a scatterling of Africa myself, I had the unique opportunity to witness firsthand the allure and magic that this continent holds. Whether it was camping under the star-studded sky in the Sahara Desert or navigating the bustling streets of Marrakech, every experience left an indelible mark on my soul.



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But it's not just the landscapes that make Africa so enchanting; it's the people who call it home. The warm smiles and infectious laughter of the locals create an atmosphere of joy wherever you go. Their resilience and resourcefulness in the face of challenges are truly inspiring. Throughout my early years, I encountered countless individuals who taught me invaluable life lessons and broadened my perspective of the world.

An Immersive Cultural Tapestry

The cultural diversity across Africa is nothing short of awe-inspiring. Each country, tribe, and community has its own unique customs, traditions, and languages. From the rhythmic beats of Ghanaian drums to the vibrant Maasai ceremonies in Kenya, the rich tapestry of African culture will leave you captivated.

As a scatterling, I was fortunate enough to immerse myself in local communities and witness their traditions firsthand. I danced alongside the Zulu warriors in South Africa, sampled traditional Moroccan cuisine in Casablanca, and marveled at the intricate beadwork of the Maasai people. These experiences not only allowed me to connect with the people but also deepened my appreciation for the richness and diversity of African culture.

A Glimpse into Wildlife Wonderland

No article about Africa would be complete without mentioning its remarkable wildlife. From majestic elephants meandering through the savannah to the awe-inspiring sight of a pride of lions on the prowl, Africa's wildlife will leave you spellbound. Having the opportunity to witness the Great Wildebeest Migration in Tanzania was a once-in-a-lifetime experience that will forever be etched in my memory.

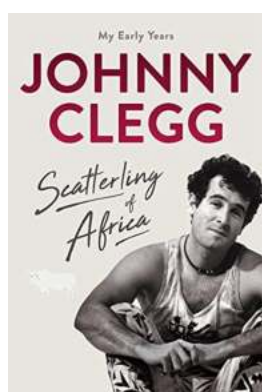
But it's not just about the "Big Five" – the diverse range of wildlife found in Africa is beyond compare. The graceful cheetahs, playful zebras, and colorful bird species add to the kaleidoscope of nature's wonders. Conservation efforts in the region are ensuring that future generations will still be able to witness the magnificence of these creatures in their natural habitats.

A Transformational Journey

My early years as a scatterling of Africa were transformative, shaping my worldview and igniting a lifelong passion for exploration and cultural

understanding. The experiences I had, the friendships I made, and the lessons I learned have become an integral part of who I am today.

As you embark on your own journey, whether it be through Africa or any other corner of the world, embrace the unknown, seek out authentic experiences, and allow the stories of the people and the land to seep into your soul. It is through these transformative journeys that we truly discover ourselves and become scatterlings of the world.



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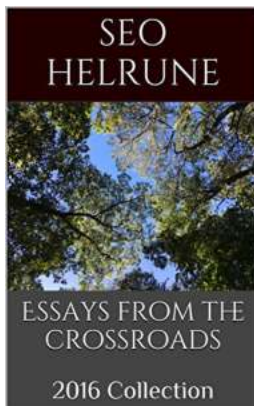


‘There are moments in life that are pure, and which seem to hang in the air, unhitched from the everyday world as we know it. Suspended for a few seconds, they float in their own space and time with their own hidden prospects. For want of a better term, we call these moments “magical” and when we remember them they are cloaked in a halo of special meaning.’

For 14-year-old Johnny Clegg, hearing Zulu street music as plucked on the strings of a guitar by Charlie Mzila one evening outside a corner café in Bellevue, Johannesburg, was one such ‘magical’ moment.

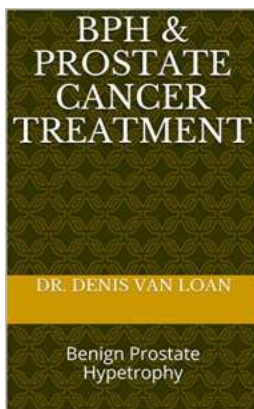
The success story of Juluka and later Savuka, and the cross-cultural celebration of music, language, story, dance and song that stirred the hearts of millions across the world, is well documented. Their music was the soundtrack to many South Africans' lives during the turbulent 70s and 80s as the country moved from legislated oppression to democratic freedom. It crossed borders, boundaries and generations, resonating around the world and back again. Less known is the story of how it all began and developed.

Scatterling of Africa is that origin story, as Johnny Clegg wrote it and wanted it told. It is the story of how the son of an unconventional mother, grandson of Jewish immigrants, came to realise that identity can be a choice, and home is a place you leave and return to as surely as the seasons change.



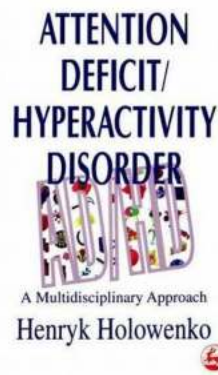
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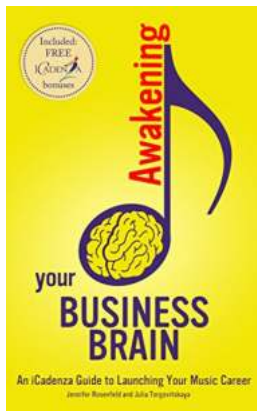
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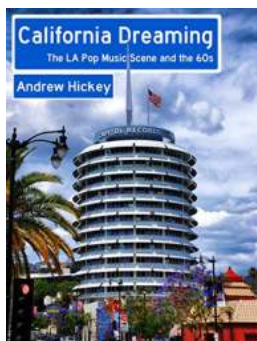
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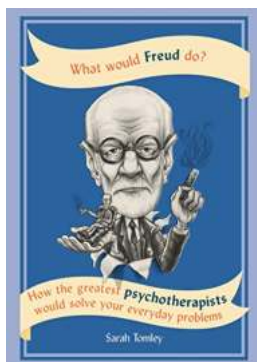
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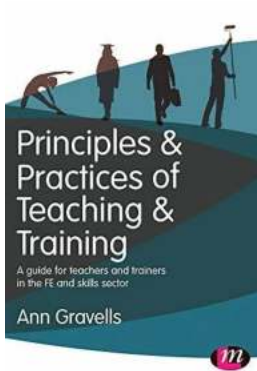
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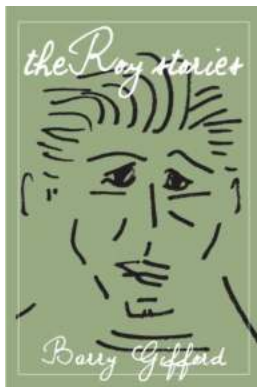
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