



Foreword

The cradle of humankind, a paragon of democracy, a nation of rich and varied history – South Africa is all of these things and more. The Department of Arts and Culture is committed to preserving this diverse heritage for posterity and also promoting it within the greater context of Africa as a whole. We are happy to take all opportunities to inform our visitors about our wealth of resources as far as our heritage is concerned. This book represents such an opportunity and, while it is by no means a complete representation of South African and African heritage, it is certainly a very comprehensive ‘highlights package’ and I have no doubt that it will make you want to travel the length and breadth of our beloved continent to experience this heritage for yourself.

Whether Africa interests you because of its natural beauty, its cultural complexity or its history, this book will hold something to inform, interest and inspire you and, we hope, leave you with a better understanding and appreciation for this marvelous land that Africans of all nationalities, cultures and creeds call home. It is with great pride and pleasure that I invite you to enjoy the excellence of Africa’s heritage institutions and the wonders that our continent has to offer.

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