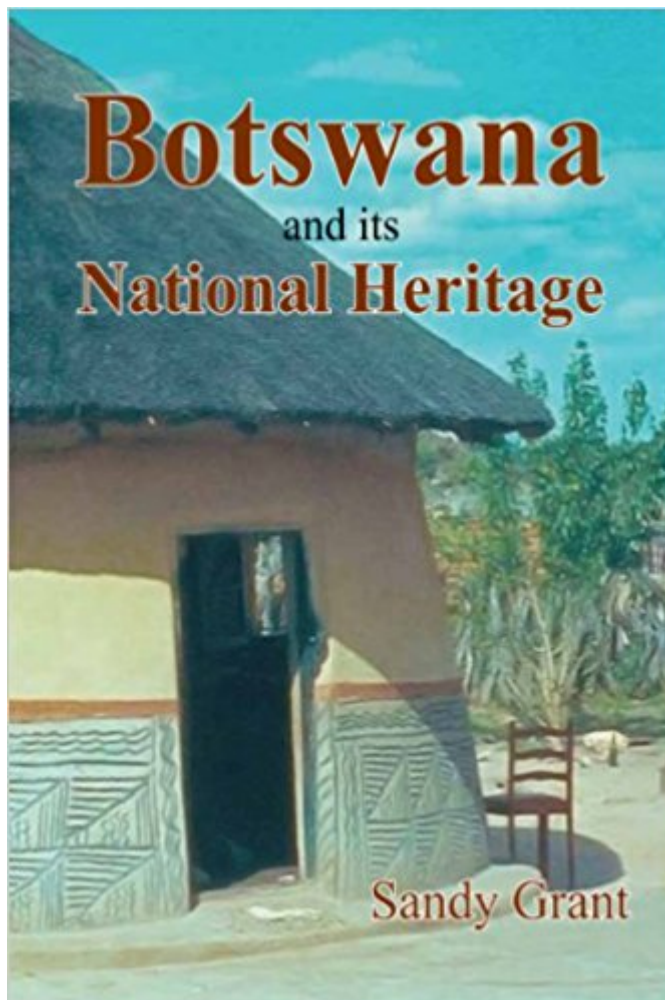




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Especially in the years since it achieved Independence in 1966, Botswana has attracted a host of admirers from all over the world who have been captivated, intrigued and sometimes puzzled by it. There is, however, no non-specialist book on Botswana which provides a feel for the place and its heritage, its personality and a sense of where it is going and from where it has come. Sandy Grant has now sought to fill that gap with this easy-to-read, handsomely illustrated book. By drawing on his years of individualistic involvement with Botswana he has been able to blend together a remarkable range of disciplines and topics. His intention has been to stimulate interest by providing an informative, whirlwind snapshot. For people interested in Botswana, this book is not merely a first, it is a must.

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British-born, Sandy Grant first arrived in Botswana at the end of 1963 to establish a community and refugee transit centre in Mochudi - thus beginning a forty four year relationship with the late Chief Linchwe II. He taught part time and became involved with the Botswana Teachers Union. With a commitment to public debate but without political affiliation - he once stood as an Independent Parliamentary candidate - he was banned from entering apartheid South Africa, Rhodesia and South West Africa. For six years he established and ran a development and social relief programme for the Botswana Christian Council, then acquired a degree in Edinburgh in the conservation of the built environment adding to his earlier Cambridge degree in history. He returned to Mochudi in 1975 challenged by the opportunity to save the abandoned hill top Bakgatla National School by converting it into a museum and craft centre. He has been involved in the establishment of other

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