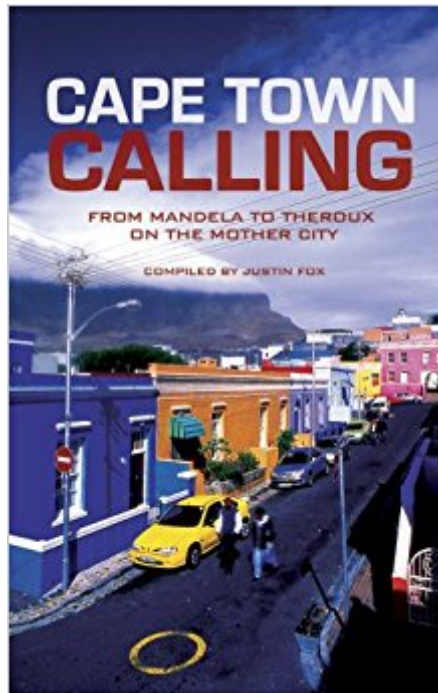




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I picked this book up at "That Place" in Obs toward the end of our visit. On the one hand, I wish I'd had it in advance of the trip, but it also helped me understand - and kept that Cape Town vibe going

- afterwards. Ditto to previous reviewers about the sensitivity with which a variety of perspectives, tones, and authors are presented! Cape Town is an amazing place and this book comes close to capturing it. If it's out of print, it should go to Kindle.

An excellent collection of pieces about Cape Town that - so far as I can judge - gets under the Mother City's skin and takes the reader beyond the usual tourist clichés. Some of the articles are serious, some are comic, some are terrifying - together, they combine to create a mosaic that well reflects the mix of peoples, histories and hopes that is Cape Town today. Highly recommended.

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