“No one could make up these outrageous-but-true tales”

Enjoy this “highly original collection of essays based on the Botswana truism: only food runs! …lively adventures and biting wit of an African safari guide….Peter Allison gives us the guide's-eye view of living in the bush, confronting the world's fiercest terrain of wild animals and, most challenging of all, managing herds of gaping tourists. Passionate for the animals of the Kalahari, Allison works as a top safari guide in the wildlife-rich Okavango Delta. As he serves the whims of his wealthy clients, he often has to stop the impulse to run as far away from them as he can, as these tourists are sometimes more dangerous than a pride of lions.”


African & Middle Eastern Division. [http://www.loc.gov/rr/amed/]
“The Okavango at its best”


Africa’s Wetland Wilderness

These illustrations show a lush and verdant high flood season.


San / Bushmen

Many are familiar with the name Bushmen although they are often known by a more academic word, San.


Enjoy Botswana Festivals

Enjoy a feast of Botswana festivals, road trips, walks, a sunset, a beauty pageant and more. Pictured in the display is the “Son of the Soil Festival” for young adults who refuse to grow up. They come together every year around January or February to relive the years when they used to…”


Africa’s Last Eden

There are no words to describe the natural beauty of Botswana.


“The” Fruitcake?

One of the goals of this book is to promote sound nutrition for the Southern African region by providing recipes with tasty, enjoyable, nutritious and affordable ingredients. Note the dish of Phane mophane worms on page 64. Could the Wild Dried Fruit Cake on page 202 be a recipe for that wildly popular fruitcake served by Mma Ramotswe’s friends and acquaintances?


Food as a Gateway to Culture

Foods help promote an understanding of culture. “A society’s culture is revealed by what it uses to obtain and process food.” Edible insects, such as the mophane worms, are prepared salted, roasted, and boiled.


Mophane Worms

In many areas of the world, insects are a traditional, tasty, and easily available source of protein. Learn more about the life-cycle of the caterpillar, known as the mophane worm, in “The Ecology of the Mophane Tree (Colophospermum mopane)” by Veronica Roodt. pp. 20-21.


Essence of Setswana Cooking

The *Essence of Setswana Cooking* and its natural beauty is illustrated through beautiful photographs.


Kalahari Bushmen for Kids

This ‘juvenile level’ text with charts, tables, and photographs contributes toward the understanding the people of the Kalahari Desert.


Monuments and Museums

Tourism is a major industry in Botswana. Apart from the Okavango Delta, there are UNESCO World Heritage Sites that include many varieties of sites such as geological, paleontological, rock art, botanical, historical, and museums.


Painted Houses of Botswana

This is a locally authored and published book on a local phenomenon. Photographs illustrate varieties of traditionally painted houses of Botswana.


Rock Art

Rock paintings of the San people of Southern Africa


Botswana Diamonds

Add diamonds to your ‘must visit’ list. Botswana is rich in natural resources including diamonds.


Botswana Map & National Archives Poster

The map of Botswana is courtesy of the Botswana National Library: 1993, and features the location of branch libraries, village reading rooms and book box service points.

Also on display is a poster commemorating the 30th anniversary of the Botswana National Archives and Records Services, 1967-1997, Exhibition at the National Archives, 16-30th September 1997. Both the map and the poster are in the custody of the African & Middle Eastern Division.