

Children of the Mist – the lost tribe of South Africa

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When Marie goes to stay on the family farm in the remote district of Matatiele in East Griqualand, shocking memories of her childhood flood back to her. She confesses an awful secret that has dogged her all her life to her fifteen-year-old granddaughter, Aime.

This tragic outcome, arising from the act of a good Samaritan, left a dark shadow over her life, and resulted in a passionate search for the true history of the Griqua people – the direct descendants of South Africa’s first inhabitants, the Hottentots.

Her research reveals a forgotten tribe, the elusive pot of gold at the end of South Africa’s Rainbow Nation, and an ugly side to the country’s early history that has been covered up and sanitized by past historians.

Marie shares the exciting history of the Griquas with Aime, adding a new and refreshing insight into the lives of South Africa’s first Voortrekkers.

The book closes dramatically with an unexpected twist whose secret is wrapped in a coin.

*Children of the mist hold your heads up high,
For the blood that flows through your veins
Is the very foundation of this land, South Africa.*

– Scott Balson.

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