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Editorial Review

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Starred Review Having traveled overland from Cairo to Cape Town in *Dark Star Safari* (2003), Theroux intended, 10 years on, to resume the trip, this time heading north up the west side of Africa, avoiding the “safe and well-trodden routes.” Though he found some happy moments in “the kingdom of light,” the journey was to be darker, harder, and, a rarity for Theroux—unfinished. He does find hopeful change in Cape Town, beautiful desolation in Namibia, and elegance in the bush in Botswana (albeit at extortionate prices). But when he crosses the border into Angola: chaos. After witnessing scene after scene of disorganization, poverty, and despair; after decrying the disconnect between the country’s oil-rich rulers and its unemployed, idle citizens; after finding “cities that were indistinguishable from one another in their squalor and decrepitude,” he concludes there is nothing more he can learn from their suffering. Ending what seems an impossible trip, he heads for home. Ultimate in the subtitle means not best but final. As Theroux, in an autumnal state of mind, ponders his own mortality, it will be difficult for readers to imagine the world of letters without him. His ability to map new terrain, both interior and exterior, and to report from places that seldom make the news, remains undiminished. **HIGH-DEMAND BACKSTORY:** Theroux’s back-to-Africa novel, *The Lower River* (2012), was *Booklist*’s Top of the List. But any book by the eminent author draws interest, and a national tour is planned. --Keir Graff

Review

"Thoroughly engrossing—from Cape Town to Namibia to the Okavango Delta, Theroux is his inimitable, delightfully grouchy and incisive self...At times tragic, often comical and always gorgeously written, this is a paean to a continent, by a writer unafraid to give it some tough love." —*Washington Post*

"He has no illusions about the fact that he is just a passing visitor (a privileged one at that), but that doesn't make his observations, or exquisite writing, any less engaging." —*Entertainment Weekly* (Best Book of the Year)

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"A rich story often laced with irony, the work of a keen observer, full of colorful encounters...Ever the astute questioner, ever the curious reporter, ever a forthright witness to history and the dilemma of the oppressed, alert to political thuggery, he chronicles the crises facing the sub-Sahara." —*New York Journal of Books*

"Theroux takes you on a rocky safari across infringed wilds, disenfranchised poverty and coven luxury. He introduces you to a boil of angry indigenous peoples and unsettled migrants you won't meet on an itinerary tour....Go on, turn the first few pages. Then I dare you to put it down." —*Charleston Post-Courier*

"As in the best of his many books, Theroux convincingly takes you along for every manic bus ride. His wonderment is yours, whether he’s contemplating eating a flyblown leg of chicken, dealing with a ferocious Angolan border guard, or deciding that this time, he’s had quite enough. It’s a remarkable, teeth-gritting tale" —Everett Potter

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"Theroux's prose is as vividly descriptive and atmospheric as ever and, though a bit curmudgeonly, he's still wide open to raw, painful interactions between his psyche and his surroundings." —*Publishers Weekly* (starred review)

"In this intensely personal book, Theroux honestly confronts racism, stigma, privilege and expectations...Reading this enlightening book won't only open a window into Theroux's mind, it will also impart a deeper understanding of Africa and travel in general." —*Kirkus* (starred review)

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[AU PHOTO] PAUL THEROUX's renowned travel books include *Ghost Train to the Eastern Star*, *Dark Star Safari*, and *The Great Railway Bazaar*. His acclaimed novels include *The Mosquito Coast*, *Hotel Honolulu*, and *The Lower River*.

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Users Review

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