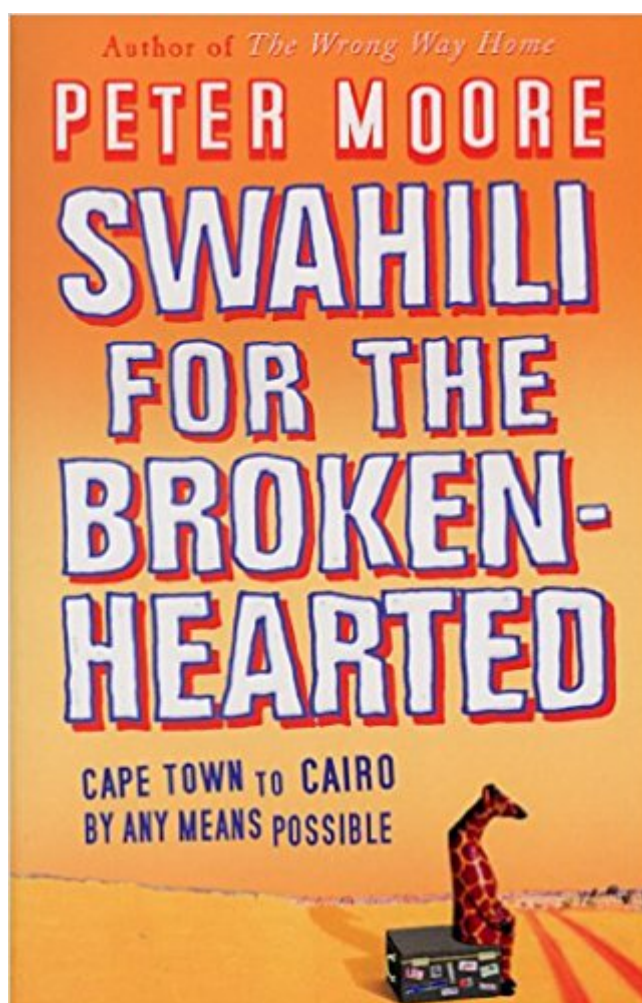


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# Swahili For The Broken-Hearted: Cape Town To Cairo By Any Means Possible



## Synopsis

Question: What do you do when you're dumped by the Girl Next Door? Answer: Throw yourself into another madcap adventure and travel from Cape Town to Cairo...A week after breaking up with the GND (his travelling companion through Central America) Peter Moore heads off to Africa to lose himself for a while. In the grand tradition of 19th-century scoundrelas, explorers and romantics, Africa strikes him as the ideal place to find solitude and anonymity in the face of a personal crisis. What follows is Peter's journey from one end of the Dark Continent to the other. Travelling the fabled Cape Town to Cairo route by any means of transport he can blag (or if he must, pay) his way onto, it's an epic trek that sees our intrepid Antipodean experience everything from the southernmost city in Africa to the Pyramids, vast game parks and thundering falls, cosmopolitan cities and tiny villages as he journeys through the very heart of Africa. And travelling on his own, it's inevitable that Peter falls in with a motley cast of characters and has a myriad misadventures: including coming face to face with a wild Hyena with very bad breath, crossing the treacherous Sani Pass, the highest in Africa, narrowly escaping a riot by hiding in a coffin shop, saving oil-covered Penguins in South Africa, acting as an extra in a WW2 epic, not to mention dodging 20,000 single woman trying to catch the eye of the king of Swaziland during the annual Reed Dance. And then there was the time when he was kicked out of Robert Mugabe's birthday bash at gunpoint...

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Peter Moore is an itinerant hobo who is lucky enough to be able to support his insatiable travel habit (he has visited 92 countries so far) through writing. His other acclaimed travel books are The Wrong Way Home, The Full Montezuma, Vroom with a View and the bestselling alternative travel guide, No Shitting in the Toilet. He currently lives in London, but does miss his collection of souvenir plastic snowdomes and Kinder Surprise toys which are in Sydney.

Swahili for the Broken-hearted is alternately interesting and irritating. It is certainly not in the top league of travel books, but I did finish it - slowly.. Possibly it was better when still topical. A lot has happened in Africa since this book was published, but often a time lapse twixt publication and reading renders travel books more interesting, to me, at any rate. In the past -admittedly a distant past now -journeys were not usually undertaken with a book in mind, or at least not blatantly so. This journey up the length of Africa was undoubtedly a feat of endurance, with some hair raising incidents, but it's sole aim was to produce a book, and much of what appears in print is rather ho-hum.

This is an exuberant, witty, hilarious and very funny book. I enjoyed it tremendously. Peter Moore is a very gifted writer with an incredible eye for detail and a great sense of humour. Highly recommended!!

Peter goes on another adventure and takes us along for the ride. Peters seemly bullet proof attitude to travel make me want to do a little more adventuring when I travel.

Witty and incise travel writing. However, for most of the book it is a case of better him than me.

An excellent travelogue, written in Peter Moore's usual acerbic, humorous and very observant style.

Very funny book

Hilarious as always

I enjoyed this book. I like that the author doesn't take himself too seriously and wax philosophical but rather just tell us his adventures.

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