



Swan Luka: Zimbabwe/ South Africa

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Createspace, United States, 2012. Paperback. Book Condition: New. 203 x 133 mm. Language: English . Brand New Book ***** Print on Demand *****.Twelve-year-old Lukobola lives with his parents and little sister in the vicinity of The Great Zimbabwe ruins, and whenever Noni, the storyteller, throws bones on the ground to foretell Luka s future, they only speak of blood, guns, and tears, none of which are the stuff of celebration. When Luka s cousin, Selo, arrives to celebrate his rite of passage, he also brings news of the troubles in Zimbabwe. The only way of escaping imminent danger is to cross the border to Botswana, which is home to many Shona residents and refugees. In this enlightening, powerful, and heart-wrenching story, Luka is left for dead after being shot in the leg by President Mugabe s soldiers. When a Doctors Without Borders helicopter crew rescues him, he learns his village was burned to the ground. As Luka recovers in Groote Schuur Hospital in South Africa, he grieves for his family and regrets not having the chance to find his spiritual guide. However, he eventually finds comfort sharing his tragic story with Ann, a white student at Cape Town City Ballet,...



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