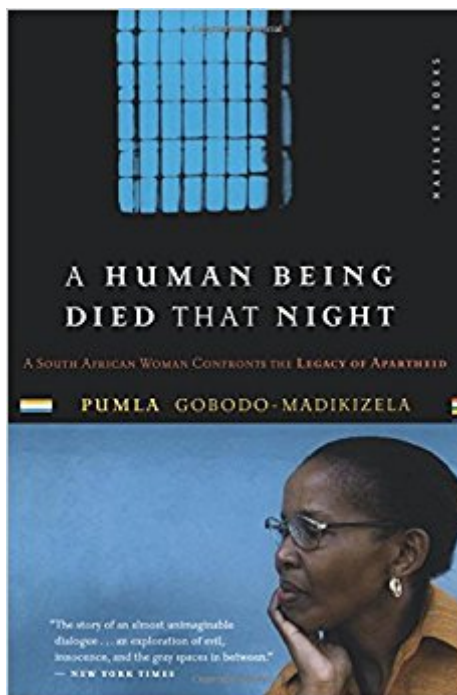


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A Human Being Died That Night: A South African Woman Confronts The Legacy Of Apartheid



Synopsis

A Human Being Died That Night recounts an extraordinary dialogue. Pumla Gobodo-Madikizela, a psychologist who grew up in a black South African township, reflects on her interviews with Eugene de Kock, the commanding officer of state-sanctioned death squads under apartheid.

Gobodo-Madikizela met with de Kock in Pretoria's maximum-security prison, where he is serving a 212-year sentence for crimes against humanity. In profoundly arresting scenes, Gobodo-Madikizela conveys her struggle with contradictory internal impulses to hold him accountable and to forgive.

Ultimately, as she allows us to witness de Kock's extraordinary awakening of conscience, she illuminates the ways in which the encounter compelled her to redefine the value of remorse and the limits of forgiveness.

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"A startlingly personal account...written with clarity, energy, and enormous empathy."

PUMLA GOBODO-MADIKIZELA served on the Human Rights Violations Committee of South Africa's great national experiment in healing, the Truth and Reconciliation Commission. She lectures internationally on issues of reconciliation.

What insight

Pumla Gobodo-Madikizela skillfully weaves information about the horrors of the Apartheid's fight

against equality for the black community and a impelling argument to choose reconciliation rather than revenge.

I expected this to simply be a narrative about the struggle to overcome apartheid in South Africa. In reality, to me it was more an explanation of how forgiveness happens - and the best one I've ever read. The author (although a PhD in psychology) writes in a very readable style that was both a fascinating book and study in practical theology, but also one which haunting theme stays with me. An excellent read! Purchased at .com on the recommendation of a friend

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Excellent first-hand account by a woman intimately involved with horror, honor, and intractable questions of forgiveness in one of the worst periods of the last century.

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