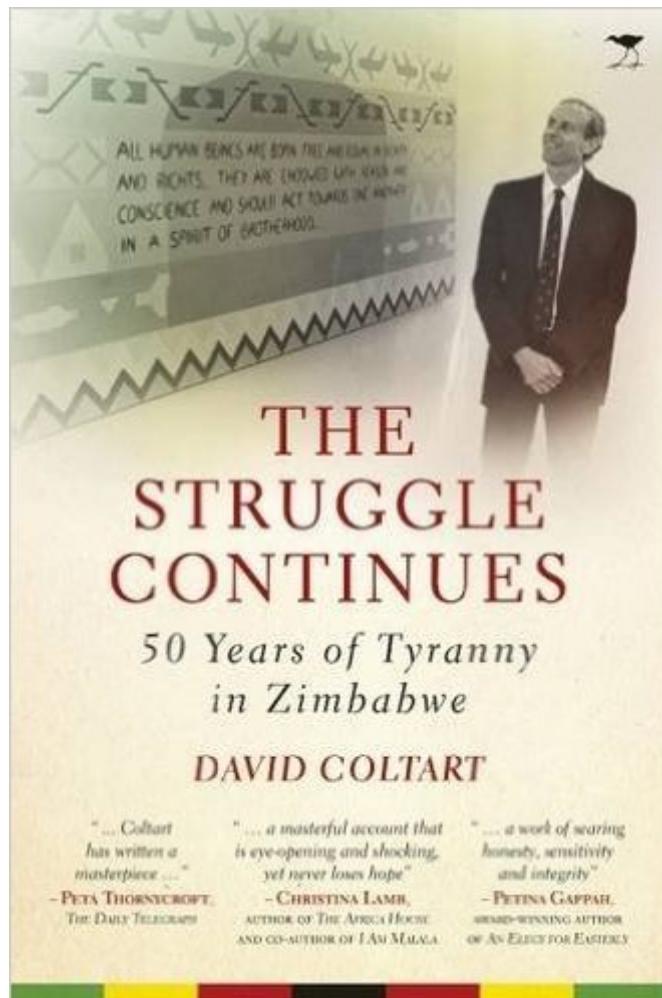


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Synopsis

David Coltart is one of the most prominent political and human rights figures in Zimbabwe. In 2000, he was elected to Parliament and, following the creation of a "coalition" government in September 2008, he was appointed Minister of Education, Sport, Arts and Culture, a position he held until August 2013. Over the years, Coltart has been threatened, detained, spuriously prosecuted and has survived several direct attempts on his life. For three decades, Coltart has kept detailed notes and records of all his work, including a meticulous diary of Cabinet dealings, the source material for much of his book.

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"Aluta continua" is the most popular saying of human rights defenders across Zimbabwe and Africa. "The Struggle Continues" blockbuster from Senator and Minister of Education David Coltart fills a yawning gap in histories of Zimbabwe. The book tracks the shared connective tissues in the anatomy of Smith's regime to that of Mugabe's misrule, which was has been both *sui generis* and influenced by what came before. What does a half-century of instability do to a country? A must read for those who care about southern Africa and current affairs.

A must read for those observing Zimbabwe politics. Coltart relates the sad story of Mugabe's empire, snatched from the people on the back of a so called liberation struggle. Of course, liberation politics never left his arsenal, it was deployed in the messy pillaging of Matabeleland, destroying innocent civilians in the search for ghost enemies, or anything perceived a threat to the nouveau

regime. The author's involvement in opposition politics immersed him in real confrontation and ugly exposure to the all powerful 'party' and its faithful clan, all calling the shots; the duplicity and the corruption. The subversion of government to subservience to the party and the thorough indoctrination of both the military and the police were key to Mugabe's quest for eternal power. Stolen elections, disappearing people, and a concatenation of dishonest, evil governance and the eventual demise of the economy are catalogued in this work. Coltart captures the essence of Zimbabwe post 1980 and I commend this book to all.

The struggle continues, it surely does. Being a young zimbo that has had to move from my country that i love, I grew an emotional attachment to this book, Mr. Coltart writes with a passionate and an unbiased style, I drew too many parallels between my own personal experiences and what this book shines a light on. I highly recommend The Struggle Continues to all who have an inkling of interest in the Southern African sphere, the implications of imperial colonisation and the power of the human spirit.

This book opened my eyes to so much that has happened in Zimbabwe that outsiders do not see. I grew up in Zimbabwe, and as a writer of romantic suspense novels set in Zim, I have been doing detailed research for some time into ongoing developments in Zimbabwe so as to bring a sense of reality to these books: "Shadows along the Zambezi" and its sequel, which I am still writing. David Coltart's story is worth reading.

I live in Zimbabwe and I think the book will one day be an historical reference book to the manipulations by ZANU PF to remain in power at all costs. But David sometimes misses the point and to suggest that the Smith Regime has a similarity to the thuggery and brutality of the ZANU PF regime is a little odious. While history will record that the Rhodesian's and the Smith regime were at times misguided and blinkered is certain but that's where the similarity ends.

David Coltart exemplifies the life of a thinking public servant and human rights lawyer. This is both his own story and that of Rhodesia and Zimbabwe over the last 50 years told from his very honest reflection, warts and all.

David Coltart is a true Zimbabwean and writes truthfully about the unbelievable brutal war waged on it's people by the political party in charge. David's commitment to the betterment of this country

must be commended. A must read for all Zimbabweans, but more importantly, a must read for those in the West who tend to turn a blind eye to the realities that besiege this nation.

A seminal work. One can only hope that Coltart's audaciously honest and thorough work will help lead to positive change in Zimbabwe. The fact the current leadership of the ZANU PF party is enraged by this book shows serves as proof of the accuracy of Coltart's account. If you want to understand the history of Zimbabwe, or even just the culture of tyranny, look no further than this book."...if we do not deal with the mistakes we have all made in the past in different ways, then our nation will be doomed to repeat them in the future."-David Coltart

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