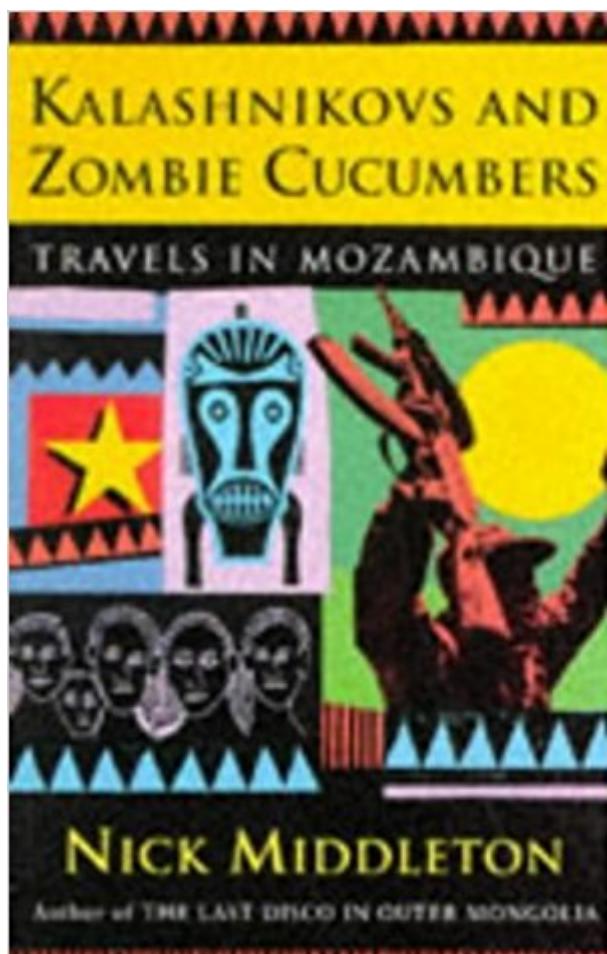


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Kalashnikovs And Zombie Cucumbers: Travels In Mozambique



Synopsis

Despite the ravages of a turbulent history the author found a resilient country full of integrity and good nature. This is a land of superstition and strange beliefs which clashes with newly introduced Western ideas.

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Customer Reviews

Nick Middleton was born in London. As a geographer he has travelled to more than 50 countries and teaches part-time at Oxford University. As a travel writer he has been accused of drug smuggling and spying but has never spent a night in jail. He has been fined for dropping a match in China, mugged in Moscow, conned in Casablanca and kidnapped in Outer Mongolia, but hasn't tired of travelling yet.

I am planning a trip to Mozambique this fall. I generally enjoy the travel book genre. And as there are not a lot of books about Mozambique and this one has a catchy title, I checked it out from my local library. I read it, and I am glad that I read it. But I found the book ok at best. These are my criticisms. First, the events of the book took place in 1992. This is a long time ago and is now outdated. I keep wondering how Moz has changed. Second, the author's travels around Moz seem aimless. There seems to be little overriding objective or mission. Third, the author's recounts of history are amateurish at times. For example, at one point, he refers to "elephant murderers," a reference to people that profited in the 18th century from the ivory trade. He is obviously judging these people by today's standards, an act of folly in my view. To state the obvious, today's moral

standards are much different than those in the past, and very few historical figures would hold up to today's standards. To refer to these people in this manner, is, as I said, amateurish, at best. So, if you really like the travel book genre and plan to go to Moz, this book is ok, especially if you read it with knowledge of the above limitations.

This is not a story about a zombie cucumber with a ak-47 turning the world upside down.

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