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African Cultures of South Africa

by Rene van der Wiel

Publisher: Awareness Publishing

Genre: Non-fiction

Verdict: Colourful historical and cultural differences

Book Reviewed by: Jay Heale

I found a magnificent boxed set of eleven volumes, called **AFRICAN CULTURES OF SOUTH AFRICA** by René van der Wiel (one of many from Awareness Publishing). Do you really know the historical and cultural differences between (say) Venda and Tswana, or North and South Sotho? These colourful books have a text that is ideal for senior primary but you and I would enjoy it as well. Particularly valuable are the books on the Khoikhoi and San – though I wish there were more pictures of San in modern clothes. They do live in the 21st century now! Each book has a traditional recipe, as well as key dates, glossary and index. A most useful – and attractive – investment.

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