

Answer

324 E. Main Street
Flushing, Michigan U.S.A.
June 10, 1959

Dear Mr. Paton,
I have been interested in Africa ever since I can remember, and every time I see a book written about this country, I take time out to read it. I have been fortunate in finding your My, the Beloved Country, and Too Late the Phalarope, and my most recent discovery, The Land and People of South Africa. I've enjoyed them all very much, but this is not the real reason why I am writing you.

In September, a group of lay people will get together to discuss the Union - its people, laws, etc. We all read some material first on the subject, then sometimes films are shown or a record played - then follows a discussion. I thought you might be interested in the fact that we are trying to understand Africa as much as possible in a short period of time. I have recommended your Land and People of South Africa to the president of this group, and she was very pleased, because she too is familiar with your writings.

Is there some way in which you could communicate with me so I may let this group know that their eagerness and interest is being appreciated? I know you are a
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very busy man, but I hope you
will somehow find time to write
and encourage this group. Also, you
may be able to recommend some
books that we do not know about.
I am trying to widen my horizon
concerning this fascinating country.
Thank you for your books and your
insight into a people that are not too
well understood by the rest of the world.

Sincerely,
Mrs. Idella Barringer
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23 Lynton Road,
KLOOF,
Natal, South Africa.

26th June, 1959.

Dear Mrs. Barringer,

My husband is away for some time and has asked me to reply to your letter of June 10. He wishes me to tell you that he is very interested in the group you have formed and to suggest the names of the following books on South Africa which you would find helpful and interesting:-

THE ANATOMY OF SOUTH AFRICAN MISERY by Prof. C. W. de Kiewiet, published by the Oxford University Press, which I think has a branch in New York.

NAUGHT FOR YOUR COMFORT by Fr. Trevor Huddleston, published by Doubleday in the States.

These are two of the best recent books, and I hope your group will benefit by discussing them.

Yours sincerely,

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