Booze and gunshots in a hot dry summer: an African childhood [Book review]


Abstract

Review of Alexandra Fuller's 2003 publication, Don't let's go to the dogs tonight, London, Random House. Fuller's account of her childhood, growing up in Rhodesia – now Zimbabwe fits into the field of coming-of-age and development of identity memoir, yet is also situated in the genre of postindependence White identity novels, notably those of Peter Godwin (Mukiwa, When a Crocodile Eats the Sun), Douglas Rogers (The Last Resort) and Lauren St John (Rainbow's End). While set in white dominated southern Africa, Fuller's account contains distubingly familiar echoes to mainstream Australian culture and racial attitudes.

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