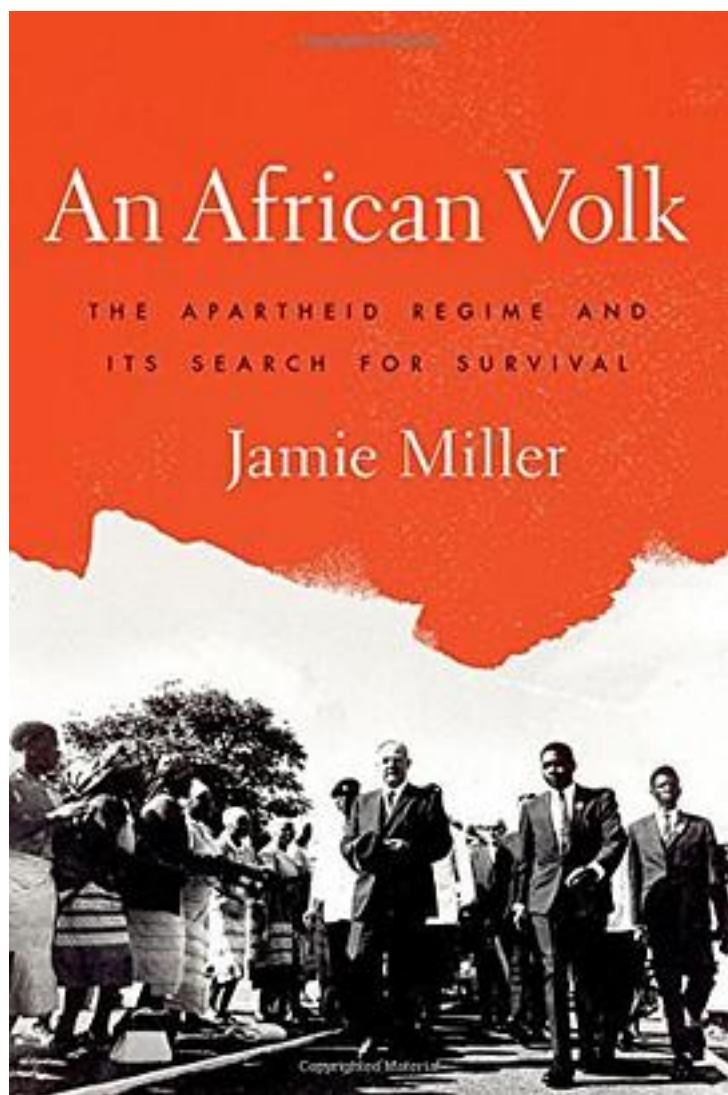


An African Volk



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The demise of apartheid was one of the great achievements of postwar history, sought after and celebrated by a progressive global community. Looking at these events from the other side, *An African Volk* explores how the apartheid state strove to maintain power as the world of white empire gave way to a post-colonial environment that repudiated racial hierarchy.

Drawing upon archival research across Southern Africa and beyond, as well as interviews with leaders of the apartheid order, Jamie Miller shows how the white power structure attempted to turn the new political climate to its advantage. Instead of simply resisting decolonization and African nationalism in the name of white supremacy, the regime looked to co-opt and invert the norms of the new global era to promote a fresh ideological basis for its rule. It adapted discourses of nativist identity, African anti-colonialism, economic development, anti-communism, and state sovereignty to rearticulate what it meant to be African. *An African Volk* details both the global and local repercussions. At the dawn of the 1970s, the apartheid state reached out eagerly to independent Africa in an effort to reject the mantle of colonialism and redefine the white polity as a full part of the post-colonial world. This outreach both reflected and fuelled heated debates within white society, exposing a deeply divided polity in the midst of profound economic, cultural, and social change.

Situated at the nexus of African, decolonization, and Cold War history, *An African Volk* takes readers into the corridors of white power to detail the apartheid regime's campaign to break out of isolation and secure global acceptance.

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一口气读完的！冷战研究不再拘泥于bi-polar structure，而是从Pretoria/里斯本/利马/河内等的视角去重新书写。更有趣的是跨国公司的文件也渐被运用。实际上非洲的冷战集合了超级大国，殖民帝国，新独立民族国家，跨国公司，佣兵团体，在地部落等各种因素。跳出international框架则会讲出很好玩的故事。

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