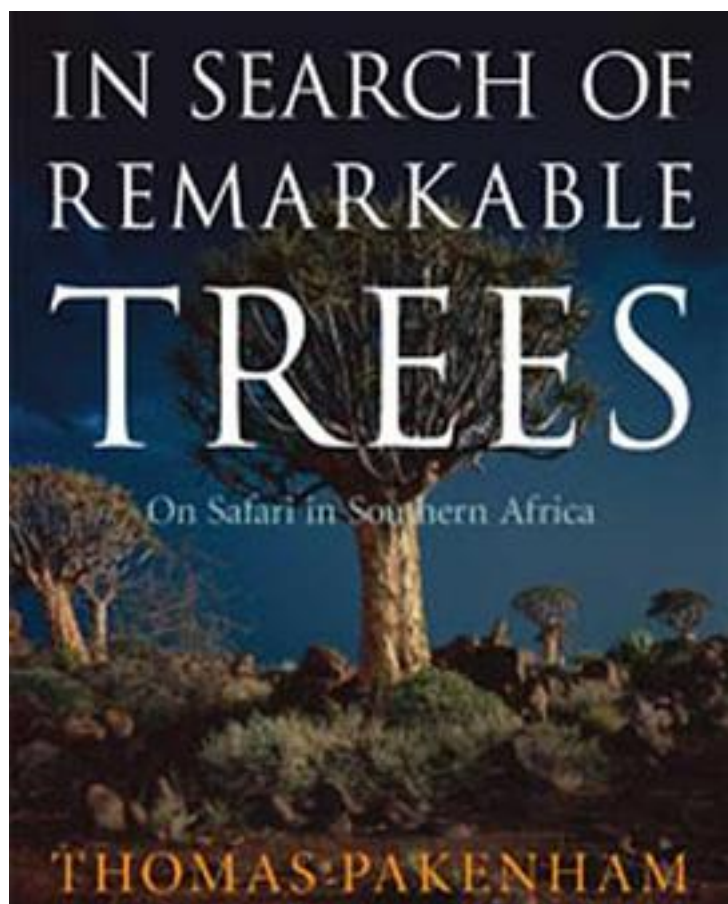


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The famed author of "The Boer War "and "Remarkable Trees of the World "presents some of the oldest, most unusual, and most impressive trees on the planet as he travels across Southern Africa and Madagascar. Thomas Pakenham, no stranger to Africa with his award-winning books "The Boer War "and "The Scramble for Africa," nor

to remarkable trees with his bestselling "Remarkable Trees of the World," combines his two interests on safari in Southern Africa. His particular quarry is the rare, the giant, the very old, the extraordinary, or the simply beautiful--from a giant baobab and a prickly quiver tree in Namibia to a glorious jacaranda in South Africa and sesame bushes attacked by elephants in Botswana. He uncovers trees written about by the great explorers of the past, or associated with magic, folklore, or ritual. The narrative accompanying each image interweaves the stories of Pakenham's own journey--at some moments scaling trees to escape from enraged wildlife, while at others standing in awe before a particular tree, connected by some primitive, atavistic bond--with those of the trees themselves, imbuing each with personality and presence. The result is a beautifully crafted blend of botany and social history, the product of a brilliant photographer, an original mind, and a superlative writer.

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