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Botswana's large deposits of diamonds have made it one of the richest countries in Africa. However, more than wealth, what has made Botswana a model country in southern Africa is its long tradition of democratic rule, respect for ethnic and racial differences, freedom of the press, and governmental programmes to support its citizens. Botswana has had its share of problems, including ecological disasters such as drought. However, the spirit of its people and their willingness to work together have helped them overcome such setbacks. Readers will find a wealth of up-to-date information on such topics as the legacy of Christian missionaries, especially David Livingstone, society since Independence, the unique blend of Christianity and ancestral spiritual practices, the AIDS crisis, initiation rites, community rule by chiefs, polygamy, cattle raising, food and beer, betrothal customs, education, unique games, the integral music and dance, and much more. Photos, a chronology, and a glossary complement the narrative.

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