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*My Reminiscences of the Anglo-Boer War* - Ben J. Viljoen  
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**Hill of Squandered Valour** - Ron Lock 2011-10-25

The Battle of Spion Kop was fought during the campaign to relieve Ladysmith, South Africa, after the Boers of the Transvaal and Orange Free State had gotten a jump on the British Empire and besieged a British army in the town. It was the single bloodiest episode in the campaign, as well as a harbinger of the bitter and desperate fighting still to come in the Second Boer War. Spion Kop, just northeast of Ladysmith, was the largest hill in the region, being over 1,400 feet high, and it lay almost exactly at the center of the Boer line. If the British could capture this position and bring artillery to the hill they would then command the flanks of the surrounding Boer positions. On the night of 23 January 1900, a large British force under Major

General Edward Woodgate was dispatched to secure the height, with Lt. Colonel Alexander Thorneycroft selected to lead the initial assault. However, the Boers refused to give up the position and a bitter two days of fighting ensued. In the initial darkness the British mistakenly entrenched at the center of the hill instead of the crest, and suffered horribly from Boer marksmen clinging to the periphery. Suffering badly themselves, the Boers were finally inclined to admit defeat when they discovered that the British had retreated, leaving behind their many dead. Yet, in light of the devastation wrought on both sides, the British were finally able to rally and relieve Ladysmith four weeks later. Ron Lock, esteemed author of many Zulu warfare histories, brings to life this bitter and previously overlooked campaign in vivid and complete detail, with supporting sources including then-journalist Winston Churchill's battle report, as well as many previously

unpublished illustrations and 6 newly commissioned maps. His account will be valuable to both historians and strategists wanting to better understand this difficult and devastating conflict.

*Boer Wars* - Henry Freeman  
2017-02-28

As General Patton once said, "The Boers? Those sons of bitches fight for the hell of it." The reputation of the Boer is not entirely unearned. At a time when South Africa was a place inhabited by the toughest of men, only those who lived in the saddle with a gun in their hands could possibly survive. Inside you will read about... □  
The Creation of the Boer □  
Growing Tensions □ Colley Steps In □ The End of the First War □ The Jameson Raid □  
Stage One: The Boer Offensive □  
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Stage Three: Scorched Earth □  
The End of the Boer Who were the Boers, and what was the conflict that would lead them into a fight to the death with England in the First and Second Anglo-Boer wars? Was this a colonial

uprising? Or a freedom-fight gone horribly wrong?

**Guide to Accessions in the Natal Archives Depot, Pietermaritzburg** - Natal Archives Depot 1987

No Rules - James V. Byrom  
2017-09-16

When Britain went to war against the Boer republics in South Africa in 1899 it ripped the heart out of the Afrikaner people. The British, signatories to the first Hague Convention which set the rules for war, ignored those rules in their desperate efforts to defeat an already broken people. This fact-based story follows the trials and tribulations of Mattie Taljaard, a Boer woman, and John Errington, an English-speaking colonial who volunteered to fight for the British. As the tides of war ebbed and flowed they took Mattie and John through pain, suffering and tragedy until finally bringing them together in strange and moving circumstances. - Three maps.  
**Boer War Memorabilia** - Pieter Oosthuizen 1987

## **The Anglo-Boer War 1899-1902: 963 Days** - Pieter G Cloete 2021-12-01

Since the start of the Anglo-Boer War today 120 years ago thousands of publications, written or typed reports and other creations have been produced to narrate the war events, express opinions on its origins, causes, course, results and legacy and on participants in the struggle. This process is ongoing, since the debate amongst both professional historians and interested amateurs on exactly what happened and why is still raging and new information on the war still crops up. The history of the Anglo-Boer War is truly a neverending discourse. As the author of a number of books on the war, I have consulted hundreds of both published and unpublished sources. Some were of limited value, but a small percentage of the published books were of such high value that they formed part of a small stack of books that found a permanent home on my desktop while I was in

the writing process. Pieter Cloete's *The Anglo-Boer War - A Chronology*, both the original English version and the enlarged Afrikaans version published in 2010, was always part of that stack. It is to me a privilege to write a foreword for the user-friendly and meticulously researched book. It not only contains a wealth of information but a detailed source list and an extensive index. There are few, if any, more helpful reference books on the war and thus represents an essential resource to anyone with a more than superficial interest in the Anglo-Boer War.  
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## **Churchill's South Africa** - Chris Schoeman 2013

This book follows Churchill's footsteps across South Africa during the Anglo-Boer War, and gives his impressions of the places he visited, the landscapes he saw, the people he encountered and the events

with which he was involved." **A Short Guide to the History of South Africa 1902-1989** - Damian O'Connor 2019-04-12 Drawing on twenty years of research and travel in Africa, this is a book which deals with the controversies of Southern African history in a manner designed to be accessible to the general reader but with enough scholarly depth to ensure its credibility. It charts the way in which Afrikaaner Nationalism rose to the point where very many decent and reasonable people were brought to accept the monstrous system of Apartheid. In particular, it deals with the much neglected period between the end of the Anglo-Boer War in 1902 and the 1948 National Party election victory during which a black working class grew up, poor whites struggled and trade unions conspired to keep black workers down. The ANC goes under the microscope too and searching questions are asked and answered; were they really Communists? And just how effective as opponents of

Apartheid were they? Finally, the issue of how and why Apartheid collapsed is looked at and some surprising conclusions drawn. Warning: this will not make comfortable reading for those who took part in the anti-Apartheid campaigns of the 1980s or those for whom the mere mention of Margaret Thatcher and Ronald Reagan is apt to provoke an outbreak of nausea. **Anglo-Boer War (South African War) 1899-1902** - Grobler 2017

*Discovering the Battlefields of the Anglo-Zulu War* - Ken Gillings 2014-10-19 Interest in KwaZulu-Natal's battlefields is especially those of the Anglo-Zulu War is soaring since the film *Zulu* first screened in 1964, followed by *Zulu Dawn* in 1979 (the centenary of the Anglo-Zulu War). During the centenary, the famous battlefields of Isandlwana and Rorke's Drift were made tourist-friendly by the then Natal Provincial Administration and controls were put in place by the

heritage authorities to prevent relics from being plundered. Supported by effective marketing from the Battlefield Route Association and the KwaZulu-Natal Provincial Tourism Authority, the battlefields have become a must-see. Indeed, Rorke's Drift has become a tourist icon. Specialist battlefield guides have been trained and are considered to be among the best in the world. New hotels and lodges have been built with battlefield tourism resulting in the creation of an estimated 7,500 permanent jobs in what is termed the Battlefield Region. There are, of course, many more Anglo-Zulu War sites to be seen: Discovering the Battlefields will enable visitors to find them and to read an account that is not too lengthy yet has sufficient content to bring it to life. GPS coordinates will enable those wishing to undertake a journey of exploration. The book is also a useful training manual for prospective battlefield guides. Above all, however, the author

shares his knowledge gleaned from over 50 years of researching the Anglo-Zulu War. He has blended firsthand accounts passed on from participants on both sides to subsequent generations with official or newly researched information that has become available in recent years. It is written in a style that is neither technical nor dramatic, is extensively illustrated with photographs of personalities and places and includes comprehensive maps of all the battle sites.

[Guide to the Manuscripts in the South African National Museum of Military History: Mainly related to the Anglo-Boer War](#) - South African National Museum of Military History 1987

**Zulu Frontiersman** - Charles George Dennison 2008

"It was said of George Dennison that he had seen more active service in southern Africa than any other living man. An eminent soldier cast from a colonial mould of bitter experience, he was also a

frontiersman equal in standing to any legendary figure of the American West." "In Zulu Frontiersman, Dennison recounts his remarkable exploits in rich and lively prose. Originally published in 1904 in abridged form (under the title A Fight to the Finish) his riveting memoirs have been expertly reworked by Ron Lock and Peter Quantrill. This new edition reinstates many details missing from the earlier published account including his life growing up on the frontier; the early wars in southern Africa and crucially, his experiences during the Anglo-Zulu Wars. With vivid descriptions of the key battles and skirmishes of the period, as well as intricate details of everyday life, it provides a rare and personal glimpse into this fascinating era of military history."--BOOK JACKET.

**The Battle of Vaalkrans** - Steve Watt 2014-10-19

Battles of the Anglo-Boer War series provides an accessible guide to some of the major campaigns, battles and battlefields of this historic

conflict in KwaZulu-Natal. The books are written for the general reader as well as for historians seeking fresh insights into the events leading up to, during and after the battles. The text is supported by contemporary accounts and photographs, some of which have never previously been published. Maps show in detail the routes and dispositions of the opposing forces for each battle. With Ladysmith weakening daily, Buller made a third attempt to relieve the beleaguered town. Inspired by his optimism, the British soldiers made an unusually feint attack on the weakly held Boer position. Although achieving partial success, Buller failed to capitalize on it and ultimately abandoned Vaalkrans.

**Anglo-Boer War Blockhouse - A Field Guide** - Simon C Green 2022-01-20

*The Anglo-Boer War 1899-1902* - G. D. Scholtz 2012-03

This concise history of the Anglo-Boer War is the ideal book for those who want an

overview of the military fortunes of the two warring parties.

### **The Boer War 1899-1902 -**

Gregory Fremont-Barnes  
2003-04-20

Victorious in its previous campaigns in Africa against native armies, Britain now confronted an altogether different foe. The Boers proved to be formidable opponents, masterfully compensating for inferior numbers with grim determination, resourcefulness and strong religious faith.

Their mobility, expert use of cover, and knowledge of the terrain, in which they employed powerful long-range magazine rifles, gave them initial advantages. By contrast the British suffered from inadequate transport, insufficient mounted troops and poor intelligence. Despite marshalling the immense resources of their empire, the British were to be severely tested in a war which one general described as 'the graveyard of many a soldier's reputation'.

*Innocent Blood* - Graham Jooste

2002

*Innocent Blood* recounts the heart-rending stories of Cape rebels and republican soldiers executed by the British during the Anglo Boer War. These previously untold tales evoke vivid scenes of the brutality that accompanied complete lack of justice, while sketching the tragic details of the suffering and emotional devastation that were the real-life stories touched by these executions. Captivating as these stories are, they were researched extensively - the authors spent months travelling to the sites that witnessed the stories. They were then also condoned by two professors of history.

### **The Russians and the Anglo-Boer War, 1899-1902 -**

Apollon Borisovich Davidson  
1998

Using previously unavailable unique archival materials the authors present an absorbing history of a little known, but very significant aspect of the Anglo-Boer War.

*A Tiger on Horseback* - L.

March Phillips 2006-09

A Tiger on Horseback The Riders with the Tiger Skin Hat Bands Rimington's Guides were an unusual unit. Their strength was only in the region of 150 men. They acted not only as guides to the British Army ensuring that columns moved safely and effectively from one part of the field to another, but also as scouts attached to other regiments. Working in small parties of two or three they were rarely part of a cohesive unit. Among its ranks were men who were familiar with the country, spoke native languages and acted as interpreters. This independence placed the writer in an ideal position to view the Boer War from a variety of vantage points on many campaigns and in a number of famous battles. This is an informally written book full of colour and detail. It is enhanced in the Leonaur edition by 29 contemporary illustrations.

Field Guide to the Battlefields of South Africa - Nicki von der Heyde 2013-11-01

This groundbreaking guide to

the battlefields of South Africa features 70 battles and skirmishes, covering five wars over two centuries that shaped the course of South African history.

**The First Anglo-Sikh War -**

Amarpal Singh 2010-08-15

The definitive account of the First Anglo-Sikh War, with maps that shed light on the action as never before  
*Guide to Sieges of South Africa* - Nicki von der Heyde 2017-07-01

In this companion volume to the highly successful Field Guide to the Battlefields of South Africa, the pivotal sieges that characterised the Cape Frontier, Anglo-Zulu, Basotho and Anglo-Boer wars are brought together in one volume. Accounts of 17 sieges over the last two centuries explore in detail the historical context in which they occurred, the day-to-day military actions that sustained the investments and the conditions both soldiers and civilians faced while defending their territory against a hostile force. The siege descriptions are

animated by maps, timelines and a variety of information boxes and human-interest stories, gleaned mainly from diaries, letters and eye-witness accounts, while long-form features focus on the practical aspects of siege warfare, such as artillery, medicine, food, and the psychological effects of besiegement. The book also provides practical information for visitors who wish to explore these historical sites. A fascinating read that will appeal to anyone interested in the volatile history of the country - armchair historians and travellers alike.

**The A to Z of the Anglo-Boer War** - Fransjohan Pretorius  
2010

The devastating war that raged upon the South African veldt between 1899 and 1902 the first of the 20th century wars was small in comparison with the World Wars. Yet it remains a war with many revealing facets with regard to military, political, and social issues. The conflict between the British Empire and the Boer settlers was in many ways a precursor

to what was to come. It saw vast changes in the organization, tactics, and weapons used by the British army; it had far-reaching effects on the white political structure in the country; and it stimulated Afrikaner nationalism, which may partly explain the introduction of apartheid. The A to Z of the Anglo-Boer War presents the history of this war, which is also known as "the South African War," "the Boer War," and "the Transvaal War." This is done through a chronology, an introductory essay, a bibliography, and over 600 cross-referenced dictionary entries covering a wide range of military, social, cultural, and political topics. Whether reading about black involvement in the war or repatriation and compensation after the war, this reference presents the latest in research on this important conflict."

**Guide to the Anglo-Boer War Sites of KwaZulu-Natal**  
- Gilbert Torlage 1999

**The Great Boer War** - Byron

Farwell 2009-09-19

The story of the battle for independence from the British Empire in South Africa by “a vivid chronicler of military forces, generals, and wars” (Kirkus Reviews). The Great Boer War (1899-1902), more properly known as the Great Anglo-Boer War, was one of the last romantic wars, pitting a sturdy, stubborn pioneer people fighting to establish the independence of their tiny nation against the British Empire at its peak of power and self-confidence. It was fought in the barren vastness of the South African veldt, and it produced in almost equal measure extraordinary feats of personal heroism, unbelievable examples of folly and stupidity, and many incidents of humor and tragedy. Byron Farwell traces the war’s origins; the slow mounting of the British efforts to overthrow the Afrikaners; the bungling and bickering of the British command; the remarkable series of bloody battles that almost consistently ended in victory for the Boers over the

much more numerous British forces; political developments in London and Pretoria; the sieges of Ladysmith, Mafeking and Kimberley; the concentration camps into which Boer families were herded; and the exhausting guerrilla warfare of the last few years when the Boer armies were finally driven from the field. The Great Boer War is a definitive history of a dramatic conflict by the author of Queen Victoria’s Little Wars, “a leading popular military historian” (Publishers Weekly). **Boer Commando 1876-1902** - Ian Knight 2004-03-25 Their lifestyle of hunting for sport and profit honed the Boers' skills of field-craft, horsemanship, and marksmanship, making them a formidable force in the field and well suited to guerrilla operations. This book describes the life and combat experiences of a typical Boer in this key period. Using meticulously researched analysis and comment, and the experiences of a composite character, Johannes de Bruyn,

a revealing portrait of Boer life and military operations is drawn. The actions at Laing's Neck, Majuba, the Zulu Civil War and the Second Anglo-Boer War are covered in this packed and informative treatment.

**The Boer War** - Tabitha Jackson 1999-01-01

When Britain went to war with the Boers in October 1899, everyone was confident that it would be an easy victory and over by Christmas. The war, however, was neither glorious nor swift, It not only irreparably damaged the British Empire but led to the establishment of apartheid in South Africa.

**Boxed set: The Anglo-Boer War 963 Days / The Anglo-Boer War Maps, Stats & Facts** - Pieter G Cloete 2021-12-01

This bundle e-book volume contains both 'The Anglo-Boer War' and the accompanying 'Maps, Stats & Facts' volume from Pieter G Cloete.

**Colenso 1899** - Ian Knight 2005

In 1899 Great Britain was at

the pinnacle of its Imperial power. Yet the British army was destined to be defeated by a citizen militia composed of South African frontier farmers - the Boers. In one week in December 1899 the farmers of the South African Boer Republics of the Orange Free State and the Transvaal inflicted three serious reverses on British troops. This book sets the battles in context and explains the failure of a professional army, skilled in the fighting techniques of the nineteenth century, when faced with an enemy whose weapons and tactics foreshadowed the warfare of the twentieth.

The Anglo Zulu War: Isandlwana - Ron Lock 2017-10-30

In 1878, H.M. High Commissioner for Southern Africa and the Lieut. General Commanding H.M. Forces, clandestinely conspired to invade the Zulu Kingdom. Drastically underestimating their foe, within days of entering the Zulu Kingdom the invaders had been vanquished in one of the greatest disasters

ever to befall a British army. The author not only dramatically describes the events leading up to the Battle of Isandlwana, and the battle itself but, with new evidence, disputes many aspects of the campaign long held sacrosanct.

*Boer War Generals* - Peter Trew 2013-08-12

In the Boer War (1899-1902) the professionals of the British Army fought the gifted amateurs who led the Boer commandos. For the Boers it was a struggle for independence; for Britain an attempt, once and for all, to achieve political supremacy in South Africa. While sheer weight of numbers and ruthless tactics eventually secured a British military victory, the extraordinary Boer effort won worldwide respect. *The Boer War Generals* is a study of the principal commanders on both sides, in a conflict which was both 'the last of the gentlemen's wars' and the first modern one. The three British commanders were established regular soldiers who stood high in public esteem when they

went out to South Africa. For Roberts the war was a final triumph, albeit tainted somewhat when it dragged on for a year and a half after he left; for Kitchener it was a tedious and exhausting interlude which delayed his appointment as Commander-in-Chief in India; and for Buller, the graveyard of his reputation. The Boer generals were Louis Botha, Christiaan de Wet, Koos de la Rey and Jan Smuts, of whom the first three were farmers and legislators with little conventional military experience. Smuts, after a brilliant academic career at Cambridge, was a senior but very young state official. In the course of the war, these men proved in different ways to have outstanding natural military ability. Peter Trew's detailed narrative examines each personality separately, contrasting the command styles of the experienced professional British generals with the natural ingenuity of the 'amateur' Boers. Fully illustrated with photographs and maps, the book provides a

compelling insight into a war which provoked strong feelings not just from the protagonists but across the world.(First published as a hardback in 1999 by Sutton Publishing Limited)

**The Boer War** - Martin Bossenbroek 2018-01-30  
The Anglo-Boer War (1899-1902) is one of the most intriguing conflicts of modern history. It has been labeled many things: the first media war, a precursor of the First and Second World Wars, the originator of apartheid. The difference in status and resources between the superpower Great Britain and two insignificant Boer republics in southern Africa was enormous. But, against all expectation, it took the British every effort and a huge sum of money to win the war, not least by unleashing a campaign of systematic terror against the civilian population. In *The Boer War*, winner of the Netherland's 2013 Libris History Prize and shortlisted for the 2013 AKO Literature Prize, the author brings a

completely new perspective to this chapter of South African history, critically examining the involvement of the Netherlands in the war. Furthermore, unlike other accounts, Martin Bossenbroek explores the war primarily through the experiences of three men uniquely active during the bloody conflict. They are Willem Leyds, the Dutch lawyer who was to become South African Republic state secretary and eventual European envoy; Winston Churchill, then a British war reporter; and Deneys Reitz, a young Boer commando. The vivid and engaging experiences of these three men enable a more personal and nuanced story of the war to be told, and at the same time offer a fresh approach to a conflict that shaped the nation state of South Africa.

[The Battle of Modder Spruit and Tchengula](#) - Steve Watt 2014-10-19

Battles of the Anglo-Boer War series provides an accessible guide to some of the major campaigns, battles and

battlefields of this historic conflict in KwaZulu-Natal. The books are written for the general reader as well as for historians seeking fresh insights into the events leading up to, during and after the battles. The text is supported by contemporary accounts and photographs, some of which have never previously been published. Maps show in detail the routes and dispositions of the opposing forces for each battle. The Battle of Modder Spruit and Tchengula was the last before the commencement of the Siege of Ladysmith. Due to military blunders the battle resulted in the defeat of British arms. A day later Lord Wolseley, the British Commander-in-Chief, commented, "for the last half century we had no such disaster as that of yesterday."

### **Reader's Guide to British History** - David Loades

2020-12-18

The Reader's Guide to British History is the essential source to secondary material on British history. This resource contains over 1,000 A-Z entries

on the history of Britain, from ancient and Roman Britain to the present day. Each entry lists 6-12 of the best-known books on the subject, then discusses those works in an essay of 800 to 1,000 words prepared by an expert in the field. The essays provide advice on the range and depth of coverage as well as the emphasis and point of view espoused in each publication.

### **A Tourist Guide to the Anglo-Boer War, 1899-1902** - 2000

#### **Hero of the Empire** - Candice Millard 2017-05-30

From the bestselling author of *Destiny of the Republic*, this thrilling biographical account of the life and legacy of Winston Churchill is a "nail-biter and top-notch character study rolled into one" (*The New York Times*). At the age of twenty-four, Winston Churchill was utterly convinced it was his destiny to become prime minister of England. He arrived in South Africa in 1899, valet and crates of vintage wine in tow, to cover the brutal colonial war the British were

fighting with Boer rebels and jumpstart his political career. But just two weeks later, Churchill was taken prisoner. Remarkably, he pulled off a daring escape—traversing hundreds of miles of enemy territory, alone, with nothing but a crumpled wad of cash, four slabs of chocolate, and his wits to guide him. Bestselling author Candice Millard spins an epic story of bravery, savagery, and chance encounters with a cast of historical characters—including Rudyard Kipling, Lord Kitchener, and Mohandas Gandhi—with whom Churchill would later share the world stage. But Hero of the Empire is more than an extraordinary adventure story, for the lessons Churchill took from the Boer War would profoundly affect twentieth century history.

The War Reporter - Jackie Grobler 2004

This is a history book with a difference. The book takes an imaginative leap to reconstruct the world of the first South African freedom fighters of the

twentieth century. Here, in newspaper format as it might have been, is the story of the 'English War' told by the Boers: by officers directing their troops on the battlefields of Magersfontein, Colenso and Spioenkop; by burghers on commando; by women and children in concentration camps all in a wealth of contemporary sources and photographs. The book sets out to illuminate the changing perceptions of the Boer society on specific war issues in the widest sense of the word. Not only military confrontations are reported on, but also life on commando, the experiences of prisoners of war in camps scattered across the globe, the activities of prominent individuals such as President Paul Kruger and Emily Hobhouse, and the dismal fate of the women and children in the concentration camps. *Hout Bay* - Tony Westby-Nunn 2005

*The Boer War* - Fred R. Van Hartesveldt 2000  
Provides a guide to the

historiography of a war that is still debated in Great Britain

and has significant nationalist overtones in South Africa.