The Republic Of Gupta: A Story Of State Capture

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Synopsis

What was Ajay Gupta doing on Thabo Mbeki’s "secret" advisory council? Did the Guptas play a role in Jacob Zuma’s rise to power? How did the Guptas capture South African cricket? What is their interest in the controversial nuclear procurement deal? What influence have they had in the hiring and firing of cabinet ministers? The Guptas rose to national infamy when a commercial airliner packed with guests for a family wedding was allowed to land at Air Force Base Waterkloof in 2013, sparking an onslaught of public outrage. Since then, they have become embroiled in allegations of state capture, of dishing out cabinet posts to officials who would do their bidding, and of benefiting from lucrative state contracts and dubious loans. The Republic of Gupta investigates what the Gupta brothers were up to during Thabo Mbeki’s presidency and how they got into the inner circle of President Jacob Zuma. It shines new light on their controversial ventures in computers, cricket, newspapers and TV news, and coal and uranium mining. And it explores their exposure by public protector Thuli Madonsela, their conflict with finance minister Pravin Gordhan, and the real reasons behind the cabinet reshuffle of March 2017. Pieter-Louis Myburgh delves deeper than ever before into the Guptas' business dealings and their links to prominent South African politicians, and explains how one family managed to transform an entire country into the Republic of Gupta.

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Well written. Well researched. Shocking truths. Unbelievable how this family and their captured, tame, puppet-politicians, have harmed a nation that was once one of the world’s greatest success stories. No more.

One couldn’t possibly make this up. It would have been hilarious were it not true. The challenge for African nations is the neo-colonial leaders who like the chiefs of yore who sold their subjects into slavery, are mortgaging their countries to the highest bidder on one hand while preaching nationalism and pan Africanism -- all with a straight face. Its nauseating. This book is a fantastic expose of this and sadly mirrored across the continent differing only in the scope of the plunder. A must read for anyone who wants the Africa rising narrative in perspective.

Well researched account of the appalling influence the Gupta family has had on the governance of South Africa. This is a true expose’ of the decline in moral standards and graft that is rife in South Africa today and which is causing the lack of confidence in its economy and currency. Every South African should read this and it should be translated into Zulu and other national dialects then made compulsory reading in secondary schools. Well done Peter-Louis Myburgh..

It’s not a wow book. Just average. It definitely sounds like a compilation of newspaper articles. All the info I knew except for the Cricket stories and also a reminder how the Gupta started

Brilliantly written book. The brazenness in the way this family carried out their corrupt practices invokes all the negative emotions that you can think of. But of all, one is more disappointed that a country that’s been through so much could let things slip so bad.

With so much evidence it is a shame on the ANC that Zuma and the Gupta’s are still around. In the past the struggle was apartheid, now the struggle is the haves and the have-not even though you are black South African. History repeating, South Africa will soon be like the rest of Africa, a mess.
This should be a compulsory read for every South African, or those involved with this country. An oft quoted source once said "The result of good people not to voting, is bad politicians"

A must read for concerned South Africans. The numbers and extent of the Gupta influence are quite frightening

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