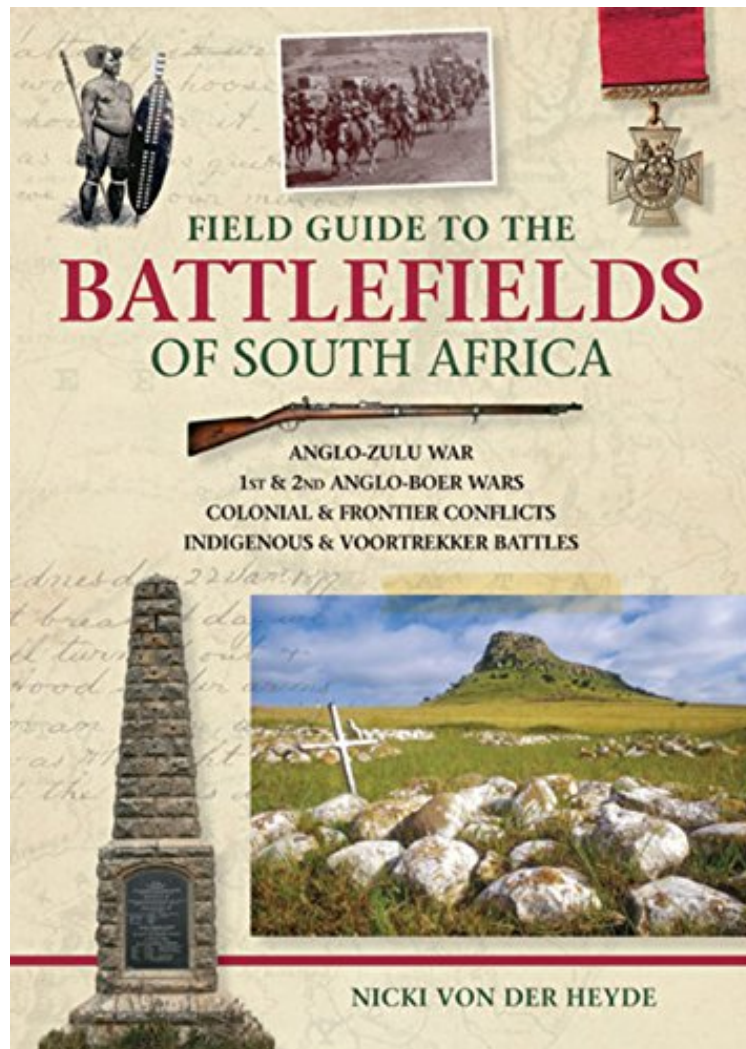


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Appealing to general readers with an interest in South African history, this guide to important historical battlefields, provides both background contextual information as well as detailed military analysis of key confrontations from all of the nation's major conflicts. Covering engagements in the Anglo-Zulu wars, the First and Second Boer Wars, various colonial conflicts, and fighting between Voortrekker and indigenous peoples, each chapter in the volume includes detailed location information and directions, biographies of important participants, full color photographs, maps, battle narratives and analysis. Entries are arranged by region to facilitate the use of this text as a travel guidebook. The author is a battlefield tour company operator. About the Author NICKI VON DER HEYDE is a South African of British extraction who grew up in the province of KwaZulu-Natal. She read History and English at the University of Cape Town and has worked as a specialist battlefields tour operator for almost two decades. She is a Fellow of the Royal Geographical Society and an honorary life member of the Anglo-Zulu War Historical Society. Her company, Campaign Trails, is a three times winner of the coveted KZN Tour Operator of the Year award.