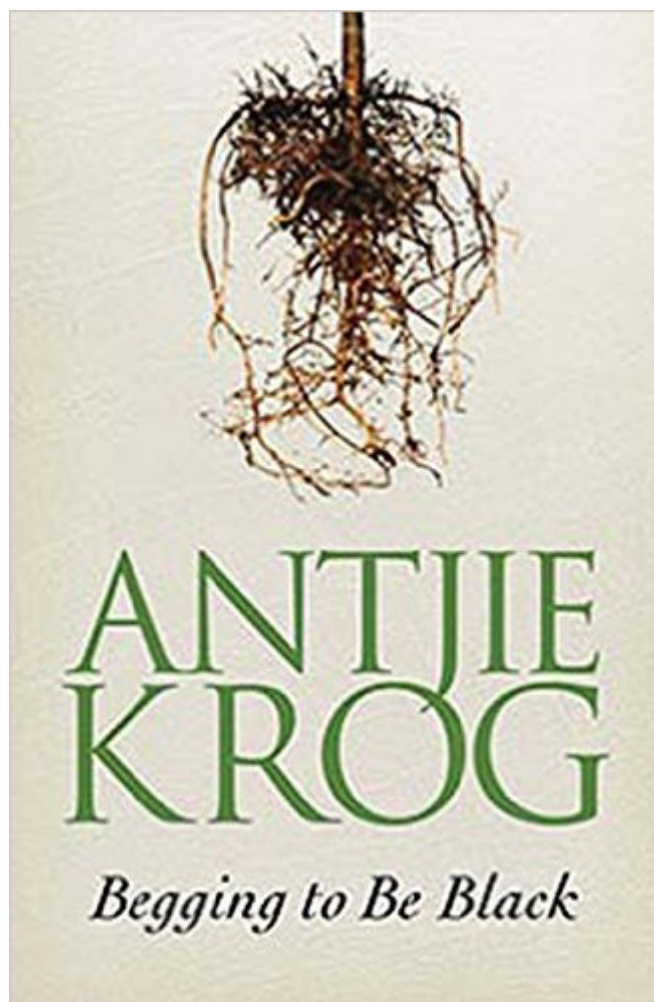


The book was found

# Begging To Be Black



## Synopsis

In 1992, a gang leader was shot dead by an ANC member in Kroonstad. The murder weapon was then hidden on Antjie Krog's stoep. In *Begging to Be Black*, Krog begins by exploring her position in this controversial case. From there the book ranges widely in scope, both in time – reaching back to the days of Basotho king Moshoeshoe – and in space – as we follow Krog's experiences as a research fellow in Berlin, far from the Africa that produced her. *Begging to Be Black* is a book of journeys – moral, historical, philosophical and geographical. These form strands that Krog interweaves and sets in conversation with each other, as she explores questions of change and becoming, coherency and connectedness, before drawing them closer together as the book approaches its powerful end. Experimental and courageous, *Begging to Be Black* is a welcome addition to Krog's own oeuvre and to South African literary non-fiction.

## Book Information

Paperback: 288 pages

Publisher: Penguin Random House South Africa; Reprint edition (July 1, 2011)

Language: English

ISBN-10: 1770220704

ISBN-13: 978-1770220706

Product Dimensions: 6.1 x 1 x 9.1 inches

Shipping Weight: 14.4 ounces (View shipping rates and policies)

Average Customer Review: 4.7 out of 5 stars [See all reviews](#) (3 customer reviews)

Best Sellers Rank: #1,277,056 in Books (See Top 100 in Books) #590 in [Books > History > Africa > South Africa](#) #723 in [Books > Biographies & Memoirs > Historical > Africa](#) #844 in [Books > Biographies & Memoirs > Professionals & Academics > Lawyers & Judges](#)

## Customer Reviews

This book disturbs me. I am sure it was meant to and should. The cover has a root; not just a root but an uprooted, out-of-soil root. The implications would seem to be a representation of a society and peoples who have been uprooted from their bedrock soil. Is this not true of most/all societies? Is it not a bi-product of globalisation and modernity that we all both are and feel less rooted in both our old traditional ways and the society we believe we come from? The book, with its running through theme of the "Wheetie" killing, and Antjie Krog's role in that, has a strong "confessional" element with Antjie both battling with her, and particularly her family and specifically her mother's role in the old, vicious Afrikaner regime's enforcement of Apartheid as well as her direct role in this killing. Not

that the shooting per se seems to have given Antjie to much cause to wonder, more the feeling that she somehow let down her ANC colleagues and thus damaged both her self-image and her "street credentials". It is important to say upfront where I am coming from; this book and its topic are all about nuance. I am a white, university educated over 50 male, from a poor background who grew up and was educated in England, the only one of my family to go to university, going there at a time of huge global social awareness. I, and most other students with whom I associated were politically aware, very much anti-war, for social justice in America, class equality at home in England and vociferous in the "Free Nelson Mandela" campaign. Whilst now living in South Africa, I have no familial roots here and no connections at all with the pre-release of Nelson Mandela South Africa.

[Download to continue reading...](#)

Begging to be Black Begging to Be Owned (The Institute Series Book 7) Black Magic Spells: Black Magic Spells for Beginners (Black Magick) The Little Black Book of Cocktails: The Essential Guide to New & Old Classics (Little Black Books (Peter Pauper Hardcover)) Black & Decker The Complete Guide to Northwest Coast Gardening: Techniques for Growing Landscape & Garden Plants in northern California, western ... Columbia (Black & Decker Complete Guide) Black & Decker The Complete Guide to Northeast Gardening: Techniques for Growing Landscape & Garden Plants in Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, New York, ... Ontario (Black & Decker Complete Guide) Black & Decker The Complete Guide to Mid-Atlantic Gardening: Techniques for Growing Landscape & Garden Plants in Rhode Island, Delaware, Maryland, New ... New York (Black & Decker Complete Guide) Black & Decker The Complete Guide to Lower South Gardening: Techniques for Growing Landscape & Garden Plants in Louisiana, Florida, southern ... Carolina (Black & Decker Complete Guide) Black & Decker The Complete Guide to Landscape Projects, 2nd Edition: Stonework, Plantings, Water Features, Carpentry, Fences (Black & Decker Complete Guide) Black & Decker The Complete Guide to Outdoor Carpentry, Updated 2nd Edition: Complete Plans for Beautiful Backyard Building Projects (Black & Decker Complete Guide) Swear Word Coloring Book (Black Edition): 40 Swear Word Designs on Black Paper. Stress Relief Coloring book: Mandalas, Patterns, Flowers and Animals (Adult Coloring) Black & Decker The Complete Guide to a Better Lawn: How to Plant, Maintain & Improve Your Yard & Lawn (Black & Decker Complete Guide) Black & Decker The Complete Outdoor Builder - Updated Edition: From Arbors to Walkways 150 DIY Projects (Black & Decker Complete Guide) Black & Decker The Complete Photo Guide to Home Decorating Projects: DIY Projects to Transform Walls, Windows, Furniture, Floors & More (Black & Decker Complete Photo Guide) Black & Decker The Complete Guide to Garages: Includes: Building a New Garage, Repairing & Replacing Doors & Windows, Improving Storage, Maintaining ... Garage

Plans (Black & Decker Complete Guide) Black & Decker The Complete Guide to Windows & Entryways: Repair - Renew - Replace (Black & Decker Complete Guide) Black & Decker The Complete Guide to Plumbing, 6th edition (Black & Decker Complete Guide) Black & Decker The Complete Guide to Greenhouses & Garden Projects: Greenhouses, Cold Frames, Compost Bins, Trellises, Planting Beds, Potting Benches & More (Black & Decker Complete Guide) Black & Decker The Complete Guide to Garden Walls & Fences: \*Improve Backyard Environments \*Enhance Privacy & Enjoyment \*Define Space & Borders (Black & Decker Complete Guide) Black & Decker The Complete Guide to Masonry & Stonework (Black & Decker Complete Guide)

[Dmca](#)