



# SOUTH AFRICA @20

for **BETTER**  
or for **WORSE?**

## WHAT ARE THE CHALLENGES AND HOW MUCH PROGRESS?

**The dawn of 20 years of democracy is upon us.** Are we building the kind of country we want for our children? Are we celebrating achievements while also confronting challenges? Is there a clear vision for the future of South Africa? Steuart Pennington's latest book—the 10th in the *Good News* series—provides thought-provoking views and insightful perspectives to tough questions and real concerns about South Africa.

**25** “True or False” chapters confronting our daily narrative

**42** Prominent South African and international contributors

The 224-page book is beautifully illustrated, with more than 200 “Fast Facts”, tables, graphs and images





# 20 YEARS OF DEMOCRACY



**O**ur narrative is bedevilled with conventional wisdom madness. Rumours, half-truths and sensationalist reporting are very much part of the way we talk. In SOUTH AFRICA @ 20: for Better or for Worse?, we have selected 25 provocative topics to explore. Among them:

- *"Our university standards are dropping."*
- *"It's not 'if' we will end up like Zimbabwe, it's 'when!'"*
- *"Our global competitiveness is terminally in decline."*
- *"SA remains one of the most unequal societies in the world."*
- *"Our trade unions are out of control."*
- *"SA will run out of water."*
- *"Our productivity is the lowest in the world."*
- *"Our pay gap remains one of the worst in the world."*
- *"Ex-pats slag us off at every opportunity."*

We approached 42 prominent South Africans to write rebuffs. These include Pali Lehohla (Statistician General), John Robbie (702), Thulani Nzima (CEO, SA Tourism), Rowan Philp (award-winning journalist), Arno van der Merwe (Mercedes-Benz SA) and many more. They tell us the truth, show us the facts and expose the myths.

Available at Exclusive Books, some CNA stores, Kalahari.net, or directly from us at [www.sagoodnews.co.za](http://www.sagoodnews.co.za)

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