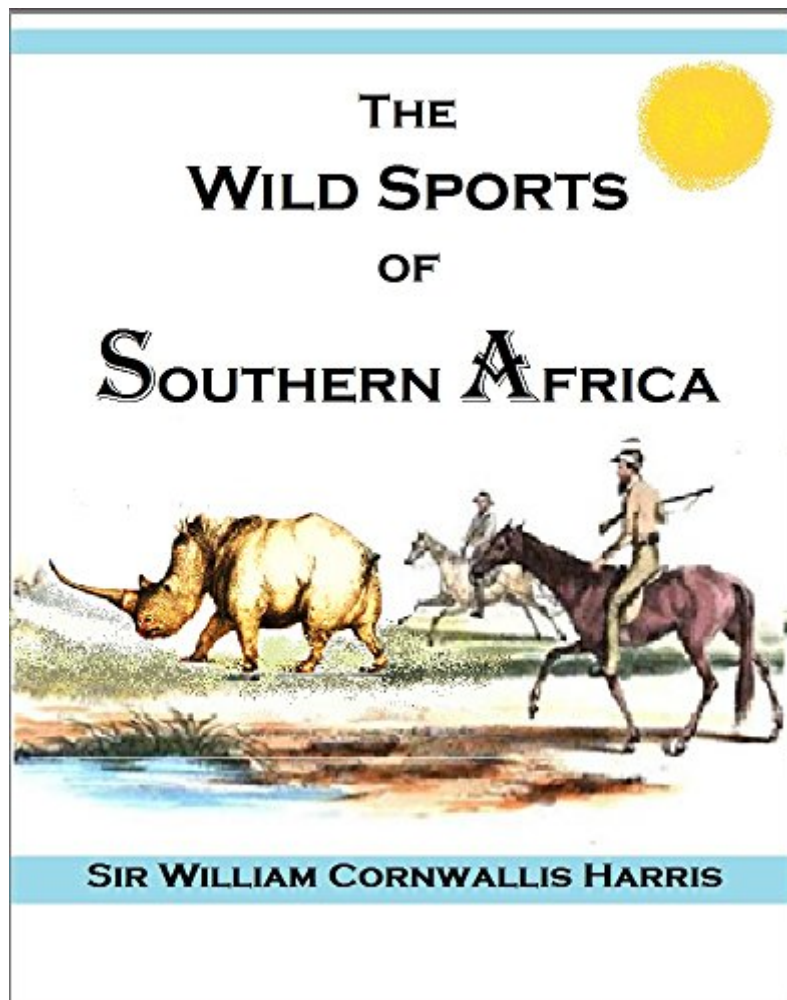




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# The Wild Sports Of Southern Africa: Being The Narrative Of A Hunting Expedition (1852)



## Synopsis

Major Sir William Cornwallis Harris ( 1807 â “1848) was an English military engineer, artist and hunter, one of the more notable of the early Victorian hunters to visit Southern Africa .The period between 1835 and 1860 may be said to have been the heyday of great game sportsmen in South Africa. The early English hunters, pushing their way into the Bechuana and Transvaal country, towards 1840, found before them a veldt virgin to the rifle, and absolutely teeming with wild animal life. They had a glorious innings, and their exploits have never been surpassed. Captain, afterwards Sir William, Cornwallis Harris, passing through what is now the Transvaal, in 1836-7, found troops of hundreds of elephants among the Cashan Mountainsâ ”a range now much better known as the Magaliesberg, in the near neighbourhood of Pretoriaâ ”and enjoyed fine sport with them. Cornwallis Harris may be looked upon as the forerunner of British sportsmen in the countries beyond the Val and Orange. He wrote a celebrated book, which attracted much notice, and Oswell, Vardon, Gordon Cumming, and others undoubtedly fell beneath the glamour of his glowing descriptions, and followed keenly in his footsteps. When Cornwallis Harris trekked south, he encountered, in the country now familiar as the Orange River Colony, then a wilderness tenanted only by vast multitudes of wild game. ContentsCHAPTER I.Voyage from India to the Cape of Good Hope, and thence to Algoa Bay CHAPTER II.Journey from Port Elizabeth to Graham's Town CHAPTER III.Journey from Graham's Town to Graaff Reinet CHAPTER IV.Graaff Reinetâ ”and final preparations for our Journey into the Interior CHAPTER V.From Graaff Reinet, by the Snowy Mountains, to the Borders of the Colony CHAPTER VI.From the Boundary of the Colony, across the Great Orange River, to Kuruman CHAPTER VII.From Kuruman to Little Chooi CHAPTER VIII.From Little Chooi to the Meritsane River CHAPTER IX.Hunting at Meritsane CHAPTER X.From Meritsane to Mimori, and Hunting on the Molopo CHAPTER XI.Arrival at Mosega, the Capital of the Chief MoselekatseCHAPTER XII.History of Chaka, surnamed "the Bloody" CHAPTER XIII.History of Chaka, concludedCHAPTER XIV.From Mosega to the Kurrichane Mountains CHAPTER XV.Arrival at Kapain, and visit from the Chief MoselekatseCHAPTER XVI.Residence at Kapain CHAPTER XVII.Residence at Kapain, continued CHAPTER XVIII.Departure from Kapain, and arrival at the Mariqua River CHAPTER XIX.From the Mariqua River to Tolaan, the residence of the heir apparent CHAPTER XX.The Matabili describedâ ”Arrival at the River Simalakate CHAPTER XXI.Meeting with Kalipi's Commando, and arrival at the Cashan Mountains CHAPTER XXII.Rhinoceros and Wild Buffalo Hunting along the Cashan Mountains CHAPTER XXIII.Elephant Hunting in the Cashan Mountains CHAPTER XXIV.Elephant Hunting, continuedâ ”and Lion shooting from the waggons CHAPTER XXV.Hippopotamus Shootingâ ”and Hunting in the Valley of the Limpopo CHAPTER

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