

beginnings of African Purchase Area farms, and, in brief, the social and economic life of the African during the period covered. We find that to Made no man is too low or too high for his class. He is a man 'of the people', liked by compound workers, juniors, equals and senior people. He still has not changed at all: he is even more at home with those considered by the class-conscious snobs as 'low class' and 'middle class', and still has all his 1950s Kambuzuma and farm friends, even though he holds one of the most coveted positions in the country. The autobiography is well written, and stands among the first autobiographies by Zimbabwean Africans who have 'made it' in life.

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A Town Called Victoria: Or, The Rise and Fall of the Thatched House Hotel

By K. Sayce. Bulawayo, Books of Rhodesia, 1978, 127 pp., Z\$5.52.

This modest book does not go beyond 1914-15 and the history of the town often becomes merged into that of the region and indeed Southern Rhodesia. Therefore it is hardly serious urban history but the author has done some groundwork in the archives and secondary sources.

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