



Bibliography

Much of South African history has dealt with 'great men' and the ways in which they shaped our past.

In libraries you will also find dozens of beautifully-illustrated, expensive books on the industrial development of the Rand, its wealth and its 'colourful' early days.

But in all these collections of books, little is said of those who produced the wealth, the workers – especially black workers – and the part they played in history. Their full story is as yet unwritten.

Only in recent years have a significant number of South African historians started to ask questions about 'the people'. Who were they? Where did they come from? What happened to them? How did they shape their lives?

Slowly, a picture is emerging. In many ways it is a familiar picture, because it is very much part of people's daily lives; but it is only now being written by academic historians.

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