

# THE TRUE HISTORY OF KING SOLOMON'S MINES

Carlos Roca

The fascinating history of the struggle for gold and precious stones in the land of the Ndebele that changed Africa's fate

## Synopsis

*The True History of King Solomon's Mines* gives you an inside look at the most extraordinary and horrific events of the British Empire in colonial Africa in the 19th Century as they sought to control the Ndebele territory in order to access gold and precious stones.

The fascinating adventures of Allan Quatermain are merely a shallow reflection of what really happened in this bloody and cruel struggle in which Cecil Rhodes emerged victorious and totally convinced that the Ndebele lands held the mythical riches of the third and last King of Israel. You will learn about the birth of the Ndebele kingdom, the rise to power of the vicious Lobengula, and his leadership in his people's fierce resistance against British colonialism.

After briefly narrating the story of the famous man-eating lions, the book offers an overview of the history of this land, from the formation of Southern and Northern Rhodesia to the independence of the Southern territory in 1980 under the name of Zimbabwe. Carlos Roca has successfully created a serious, yet intense and thrilling book which narrates the big battle and encounters with man-eating lions, as well as the stories behind some of the most interesting British figures of the time, including the Baden-Powell, the founder of the Boy Scouts; Frederick Selous, the legendary hunter and real-life Allan Quatermain; Cecil Rhodes, the imperialist; and Dr. Livingstone, the great explorer of Africa

## Biography

**Carlos Roca**, (Cartagena, 1965) is a journalist and part of the management team at Antena 3 television. He's one of the leading experts in this field and has written several books that have turned into best sellers thanks to their historical focus and reader-friendly style : *Zulú: La batalla de Isandlwana*, *Sangre de valientes: Siete combates heroicos, Isandlwana: Amarga victoria zulú* and *Rorke's Drift: La inmortal batalla anglo-zulú*.

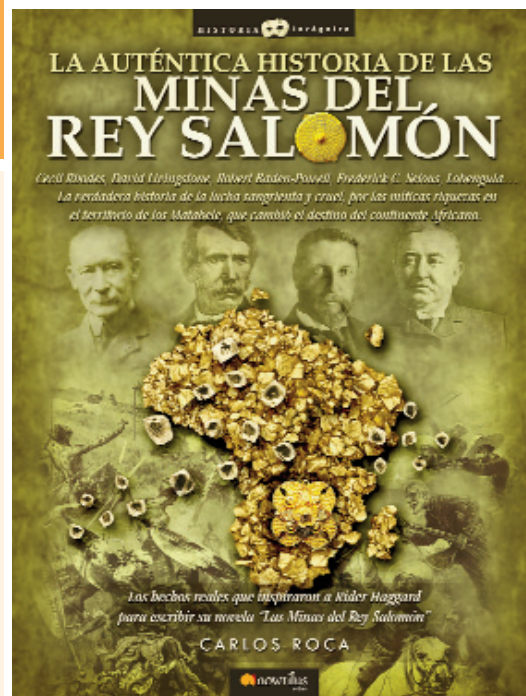
## Sales pitch

**UNIQUE IDEA:** This is the only book in Spanish that tells the story behind what inspired Rider Haggard to write *King Solomon's Mines*. The reader will also learn the real story behind the life of Frederick Selous (essentially the Allan Quatermain of Haggard's book), a legend in the hunting world.

**RIGOR:** The author is the leading expert in the Spanish speaking world on Zulu history and colonial Africa of the 19th century.

**HISTORICAL REVISIONISM:** The book looks at the darkest and least known aspects of the British Empire in Africa during the 19th century.

**ILLUSTRATED CONTENT:** Here you will find more than 60 visual images featuring clothing and weapons of both the natives and colonizers.



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