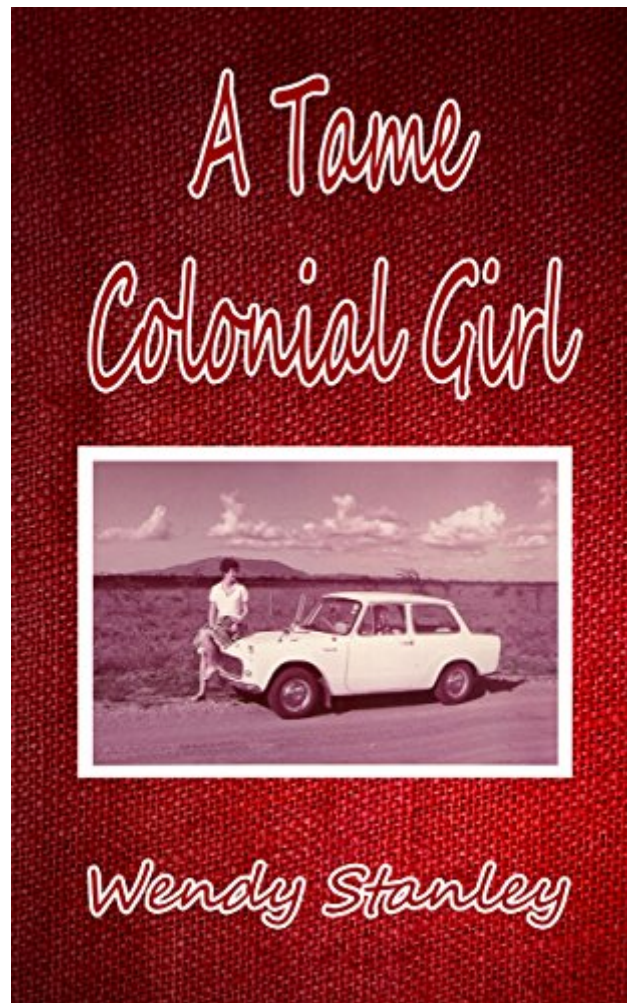




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Synopsis

This book is the intimate diary of a girl who was born in England, but grew up in Colonial and post-Colonial "up-country" Kenya after her parents travelled overland across the Sahara Desert in 1947/1948. Her working life led her to meet prominent people in Kenya's Government. She ran a business in Mombasa, on Kenya's coast. Briefly, she and her partner worked for an "Aid Transportation Company" in the port of Assab, Eritrea, where they lived in a tent - better accommodation than the local hotel! Back in Kenya, after having to give up their beach resort on the Kenya Coast, they started a Safari Company which took them to nearly every point on the Kenya Map. There are times of heartbreak and suffering; but there is also great joy, especially at the birth of her two children. Through it all, shines the deep love Wendy has for the country that has been her home for the past 60+ years - Kenya. Ann Barns

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The author writes about her life in Kenya in order to crush the demons that have haunted her, and she shares her ups and downs in a story that comes straight from the heart and is written with

brehtaking honesty. She has had an extraordinary and enviable life in many ways, while also suffering great personal sadness. The narrative whizzes along apace with a natural style that doesn't waste any words, carrying the reader with her on her many exploits. Despite being a colonial girl, she has not lived a life of ease, and has had to work hard for her living. As she describes her many different jobs, including a spell in a war zone, she comes across as recklessly brave and tough, and yet so vulnerable you want to give her a great big hug. As an ex-Kenyan girl, I devour biographies of people who have lived or are still living there, and for me this is one of the best. It's one I will read again. Strangely, reading this book I discovered that the author and I had shared so many things: we had lived in the same places at the same time, knew the same people at the same time, shared the same likes and dislikes and yet have never met. Anybody who has lived in Kenya will relate to Wendy's story and will find it brings back vivid memories of life in the country she loves so much and describes so well.

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