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REVIEW: Colors of Africa

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Colors of Africa by James Kilgo  

James Kilgo, invited to travel to Africa with a safari group in the spring of 2000, views his unexpected opportunity with conflicting emotions: excitement, wariness and trepidation. Although he intends to shoot only with his camera, he is part of a group intent on bringing home big game trophies, such as zebra, kudu, leopard and lion. Kilgo, fighting an insidious cancer himself, ponders issues of life and death even as he describes the beauty and brutality of Africa. He visits villages and keenly observes traditions; he explores the bush and observes life and death within the animal kingdom. He writes with eloquence, power and sincerity about the majestic landscape of Africa. The reader is drawn, sometimes unwillingly, into the drama and harshness of the safari’s purpose. We experience each failure and success as the often grim and graphic hunt progresses. Kilgo weaves observations from David Livingstone, Hemingway, Dinesen and others throughout his journal, adding dimension and depth to his reflections and experiences. Kilgo was a member of the University of Georgia English department faculty for over 30 years and directed the creative writing program there from 1994 to 1996. He passed away in 2002, and this book was his last. Not for the faint of heart, it is nevertheless recommended for public libraries and university collections in the state of Georgia.  

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Georgia Legal Research by Nancy P. Johnson, Elizabeth G. Adelman, and Nancy J. Adams  

This work represents one of the most current and comprehensive legal research tools written specially for Georgia. Clearly written and without extraneous legal jargon, the 11 chapters and three appendices of this 253-page paperback book cover a broad range of topics that explain how to perform legal research in Georgia. The topics include the court system; the eight steps of doing legal research; researching and reading cases; understanding Georgia statutes, constitutions and court rules; understanding Georgia's legislative history and process; Georgia's administrative law; how to update the research through citators; using secondary resources, legal ethics, online resources; and, finally, how to put it all together. The three appendices provide a section on understanding legal citation, a useful bibliography and a list of Georgia practice materials. A good table of contents, adequate indexing and chapter learning