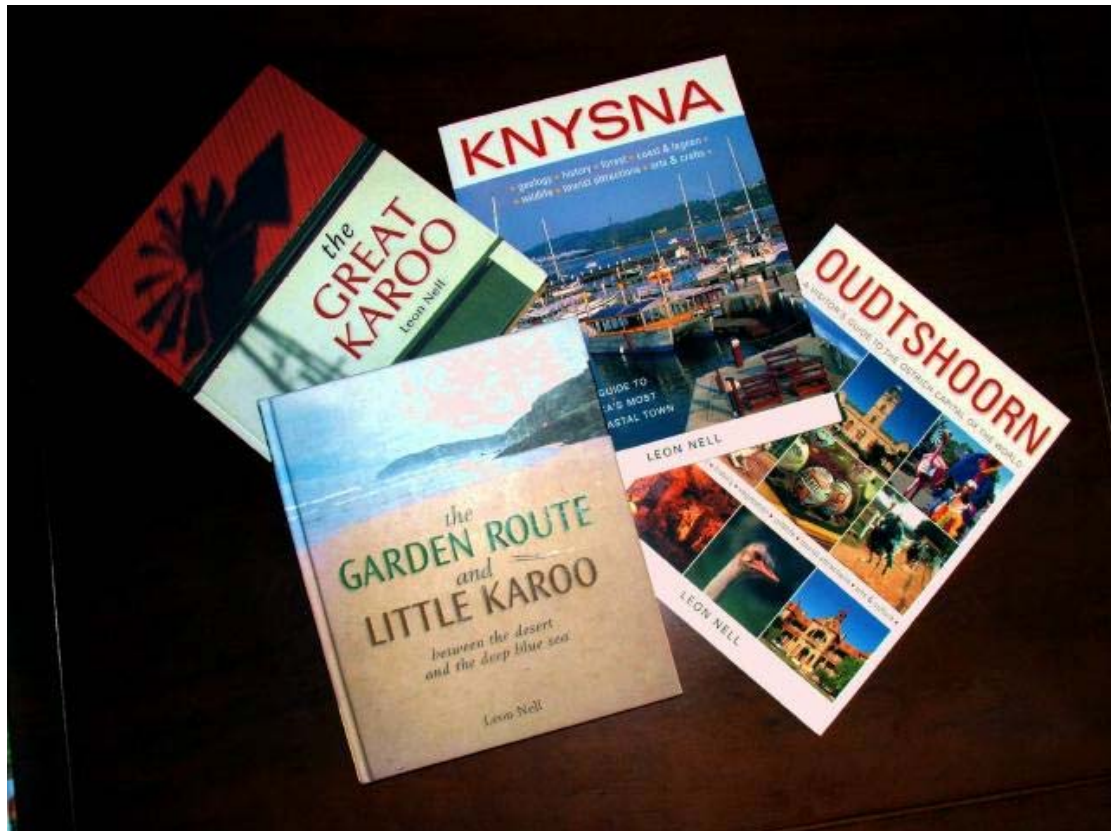


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### **The Garden Route and Little Karoo**

(2003) (Sub-titled *Between the Desert and the Deep Blue Sea*) ISBN 978-1-86872-856-5: One of the most spectacular paradoxes of nature lies at the southern tip of Africa where a lush rainforest belt known as the Garden Route adjoins a semi-desert known as the Little Karoo. This book is an exploration of both these regions. It offers an insight into the natural world at the feet of thousand of visitors to the Garden Route and Little Karoo and a brief view of the history, conflict and mystery in which these areas are steeped.

### **Knysna - A Visitor's Guide to South Africa's most popular Coastal Town**

(2005) ISBN 1-77007-153-9: This guide to one of SA's most popular coastal towns traces the history of Knysna from its humble origins in the 18th century and its ongoing development to become one of the most beautiful coastal towns in the world. Prominent features are described, such as the geology, history, historic buildings, forest and vegetation, wildlife, forest elephants, coast and lagoon, marine life, tourist attractions and arts and crafts. A layout map makes for easy navigating, and indicates areas of interest.

### **Oudtshoorn - A Visitor's Guide to the Ostrich Capital of the World**

(2005) ISBN 1-77007-154-7: This guide to Oudtshoorn reveals the fascinating history of a small Karoo town associated with large, flightless birds and famous mysterious caves; where ostrich barons built grand homes, Jewish immigrants and Polish

refugees settled, and where South Africa's first national anthem was written. It showcases the austere beauty of the surrounding mountain passes, the area's wide variety of wildlife, as well as the agriculture and vegetation of the region. Contemporary attractions and activities, such as the increasingly popular arts festival, the KKNK, are well covered, and a map of the area is included.

### **The Great Karoo**

(2008) ISBN 978-1-77007-387-6: The Great Karoo is a vast, arid area with expansive plains and imposing mountains. Author Leon Nell spent three years and travelled more than 120 000 km getting to know this enigmatic landscape and its warm and welcoming inhabitants. Focusing on eleven roughly drawn regions, he depicts the fauna, flora, history, farming, architecture, attractions and people - both the unusual and the famous. This is a treasure house of well-loved stories, characters, features and events that make up the paradox of the Karoo - a fusion of vast distances and caring neighbourliness, of ancient wisdom and progressive practice, of arid plains and rich harvests. Nell brings to this book his experience in nature conservation and deep love of the land, and finds himself moved by the dogged determination and extraordinary hospitality of those who call this special place home.