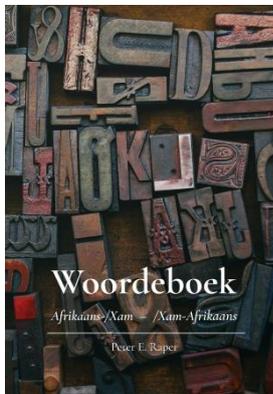


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The /Xam language was spoken by the /Xam-Bushmen who lived south of the Orange River, in the area formerly known as the Cape Colony. In time Dutch and Afrikaans became their language of preference, and the /Xam language fell into disuse. This almost forgotten language was mainly recorded by WHI and DF Bleek and it forms an important part of the cultural heritage of countless descendants of the /Xam and other San who are Afrikaans speaking today. This dictionary is indispensable for everyone who is part of this heritage, especially in this time of renewed interest in the First People and their identity, culture and language.

The /Xam language had an influence on all the other languages in the country; this can especially be seen in place and animal names. This dictionary will be useful to students, researchers and interested parties, as well as for place name authorities who have to determine the source languages of names.

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The book covers various aspects and is divided into three sections. The first section gives a brief overview of the /Xam language and its uses and users. This is followed by a user guide, explaining how the dictionary was compiled and should be used. This guide covers various topics, including orthography and other grammatical aspects. This section is followed by the Afrikaans-/Xam section of the dictionary, which is followed by the /Xam-Afrikaans section.

This dictionary is an excellent addition to any student, researcher or interested party's collection. It is aimed at user friendliness, with a table of contents, as well as keywords at the top of each page to make navigation easier, as well as a section indicator to indicate the two sections.

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