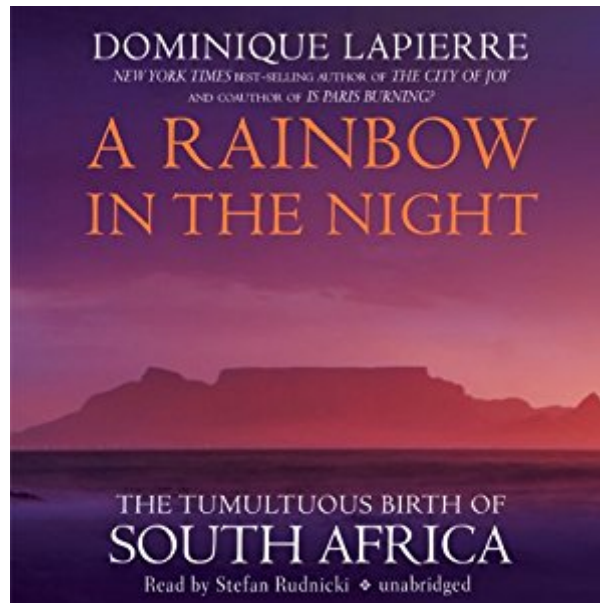




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excellent

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Great book. Great price.

Amazing book! Totally recommended specially if you plan to visit South Africa soon or would like to learn more about the country's recent history.

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