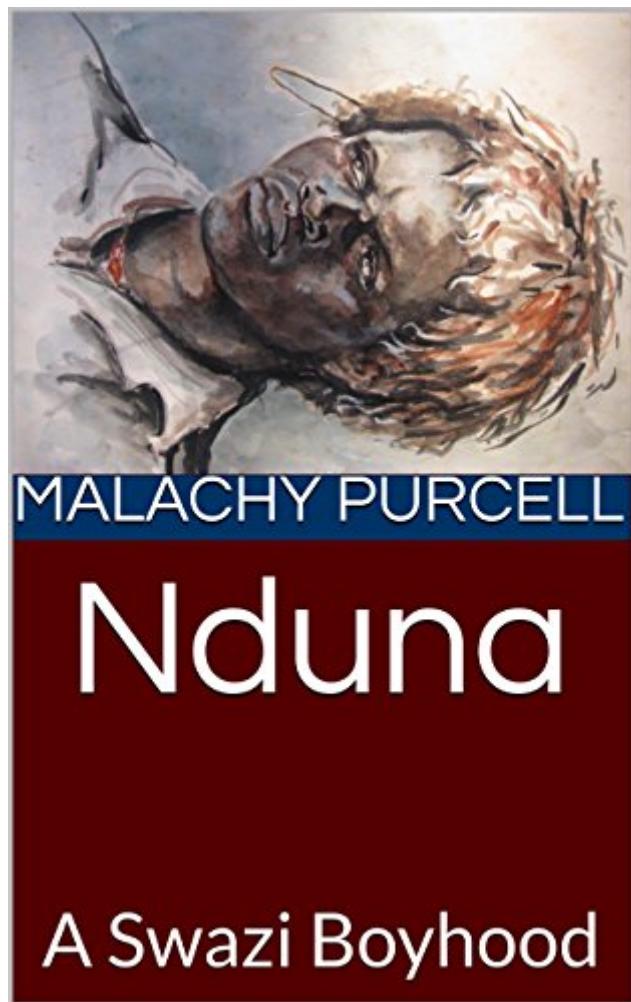


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# Nduna: A Swazi Boyhood



## **Synopsis**

After an early childhood in a small rural mountain kingdom, filled with friendly people, we were tossed about by the winds of change that wafted through Africa. Abandoned by the Crown and rejected by the Swazis, most of us scattered over Southern Africa, somewhat baffled and resentful, but never forgetting the innocent joys of our childhood and the beauty of Swaziland. The son of a District Commissioner, I grew up with Swazis and spoke siSwati before I spoke English. I am known by my Swazi name in the family and amongst Swazis. These are some memories of the people, places and dogs in the innocent adventures which filled my early life, My education was at St Marks - a traditional colonial public school type of school which was a great experience for many - a bit rough for others.

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This is a very well written book. Its written like Mal is just reminiscing over a beer or coffee with boyhood friends or his brothers. Leaves you wanting to hear more about his life and what next adventure he goes on once he leaves university. A wonderful insight into life in the 1950's and

1960's in Swaziland, South Africa and what it was like to travel in those days for people from a very turbulent country, and how choices made in the heat of boyhood could have long reaching consequences. Well worth the read and I look forward to the next instalment.

This is a book/autobiography with a intimate inside look at the life and experiences of Mal Purcell. It is written in such a personified fashion that makes you feel part of the experiences and as if you know the role players personally. This a wonderfully written book that I will recommend as a best read to all and sundry

For those who grew up in Swaziland during those times this is a wonderful series of word-picture memories

Nduna provides a unique but accurate picture of what things were like in Swaziland prior to independence. Those times and experiences will never be repeated so it is refreshing to see them captured in Malachy's story for posterity. Nduna is an entertaining read and difficult to put down.

It was great reading for me as I knew most of the characters personally as a kid growing up in Swaziland. Malachy was always an impressive person and I remember spending a week end at the is home in Havelock. Tim was my contemporary and was always a 'big guy' with a big heart. Pookus also stands out in my memory. Well done Mal. Looking forward to the next book.

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