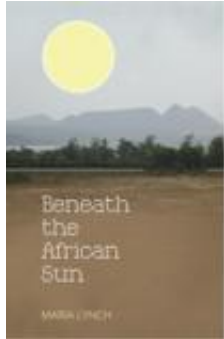


REVIEWS

Kirkus Reviews



A touching story of attachment to a beloved, troubled place.

In her debut novel, Lynch writes about the injustice of colonial rule and institutionalized segregation through the story of a young Goan tailor who moves to Africa.

...Lynch successfully weaves in momentous historical events—Princess Elizabeth’s visit to Kenya, the Mau Mau Uprising, and Africanization under Jomo Kenyatta—as well as technological and cultural shifts. Best of all, she gives a strong sense of life in a three-tiered racial hierarchy: colonizers at the top, then Asians, and Africans at the bottom.—*Kirkus Reviews* [Read full review](#)

Reader Reviews

“Over the holidays, I had the opportunity to read *Beneath the African Sun* and thoroughly enjoyed it for three reasons, it was educational about a point in the history of Kenya that I didn’t know a lot about, I loved the characters and the story was compelling. I can’t believe it is a first novel and that it is so well done. Congratulations.”
-Deborah T., Toronto, Ontario.

“I loved reading *Beneath the African Sun* and hated putting it down. I was really into the characters. I loved the descriptions of the tailoring. What a time of change in Kenya then. It reminded me of living in New Orleans when I was pre and early teens when it went from segregation to integration. Congratulations.”
-Katita Stark, Toronto, Ontario

“You have to be congratulated on your first novel. As emigrants, the need to find your feet and build a life is a familiar experience for so many people and you have described it so well. As an immigrant myself, I felt in touch with many of the experiences of Sabby and his family.

I well remember the Mau Mau times as I was a conscript to the Royal Air Force for a two-year stint from January, 1953. I was assigned to the Provost division of the RAF Police. A number of our group were sent to Kenya to fight the “terrorists.” Fortunately, I was not one of them.

At the time of Sabby’s emigration to Kenya he was skilled enough to get work and then make a really successful business for himself. He made a good life for himself and his family. His marriage was such an important part of his life, and this is very well described in the book.”

-David Home, Whitby, Ontario