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They had two sons, Jonathan and David. In , Paton married Anne Hopkins. The men were initially housed in closed dormitories; once they had proven themselves trustworthy, they would be transferred to open dormitories within the compound. Men who showed great trustworthiness would be permitted to work outside the compound. In some cases, men were even permitted to reside outside the compound under the supervision of a care family. After the war he took a trip, at his own expense, to tour correctional facilities across the world. During his time in Norway, he began work on his seminal novel *Cry, The Beloved Country* , which he completed over the course of his journey, finishing it on Christmas Eve in San Francisco in . Paton published numerous books in the s and became wealthy from their sales. On 11 January , a Google Doodle honored the researcher on what would have been his th birthday. On May 9 of that year it became the Liberal Party of South Africa , with Paton as a founding co-vice-president, [7] which fought against the apartheid legislation introduced by the National Party. He served as president of the LPSA until its forced dissolution by the apartheid regime in the late s, officially because its membership comprised both blacks and whites. Paton was a friend of Bernard Friedman , founder of the Progressive Party. Van der Post knew that the South African Secret Police were aware that he was paying money to Paton, but could not stop it by legal procedures. Paton himself adopted a peaceful opposition in protests against apartheid, as did many others in the party; some SALP members took a more violent route, and consequently some stigma did attach to the party. He is honoured at the Hall of Freedom of the Liberal International organisation. The novel is categorised as historical fiction, as it gives an accurate account of the resistance movement in South Africa during the s. In this novel, for example, we meet the supposedly obdurate Afrikaner who contravenes the infamous Immorality Act. There are other Afrikaners , too, who are led by their consciences and not by rules, and regulations promulgated by a faceless, monolithic parliament. His Anglican faith was another factor in his life and work: Paton also wrote two autobiographies: Another literary form that interested him throughout his life was poetry; the biographer Peter Alexander includes many of these poems[clarification needed] in his biography of Paton. The Alan Paton Award for non-fiction is conferred annually in his honour. Selected works[edit] *Cry, The Beloved Country* , â€” made into a film in , directed by Zoltan Korda with a screenplay by Paton himself; in , directed by Darrell Roodt; also a musical and an opera.

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Paton's second and third novels, Too Late the Phalarope () and Ah, but Your Land is Beautiful (), and his short stories, Tales From a Troubled Land (), all deal with the same racial themes that concerned the author in his first novel.

Plot summary[edit] In the remote village of Ndotsheni, in the Natal province of eastern South Africa , the Reverend Stephen Kumalo receives a letter from a fellow minister summoning him to Johannesburg. He is needed there, the letter says, to help his sister, Gertrude, who the letter says has fallen ill. Kumalo undertakes the difficult and expensive journey to the city in the hopes of aiding Gertrude and of finding his son, Absalom, who traveled to Johannesburg from Ndotsheni and never returned. In Johannesburg, Kumalo is warmly welcomed by Msimangu, the priest who sent him the letter, and given comfortable lodging by Mrs. Lithebe, a Christian woman who feels that helping others is her duty. Kumalo visits Gertrude, who is now a prostitute and liquor seller, and persuades her to come back to Ndotsheni with her young son. A more difficult quest follows, when Kumalo and Msimangu begin searching the labyrinthine metropolis of Johannesburg for Absalom. One clue leads to another, and as Kumalo travels from place to place, he begins to see the gaping racial and economic divisions that are threatening to split his country. Eventually, Kumalo discovers that his son has spent time in a reformatory and that he has gotten a girl pregnant. Meanwhile, the newspapers announce that Arthur Jarvis, a prominent white crusader for racial justice, has been murdered in his home by a gang of burglars. With the help of friends, Kumalo obtains a lawyer for Absalom and attempts to understand what his son has become. Kumalo arranges for Absalom to marry the girl who bears his child, and they bid farewell. The morning of his departure, Kumalo rouses his new family to bring them back to Ndotsheni, only to find that Gertrude has disappeared. Kumalo is now deeply aware of how his people have lost the tribal structure that once held them together, and returns to his village troubled by the situation. It turns out that James Jarvis has been having similar thoughts. As the young boy and the old man become acquainted, James Jarvis becomes increasingly involved with helping the struggling village. He donates milk at first and then makes plans for a dam and hires an agricultural expert to demonstrate newer, less devastating farming techniques. Just as the bishop is on the verge of transferring Kumalo, Jarvis sends a note of thanks for the wreath and offers to build the congregation a new church, and Kumalo is permitted to stay in his parish.

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Tales from a Troubled Land Cry, the Beloved Country Novel that tells the story of a simple black parson, Reverend Stephen Kumalo, and his search for his son Absalom (who has murdered a white man, Arthur Jarvis) in the city of Johannesburg.

European immigration to South Africa began in , much earlier than in other parts of Africa. Its mineral wealth made it a particularly attractive territory for the British Empire , which established dominance there over the native black population and another white European population, the Boers descendants of Dutch settlers , in a series of wars spanning the nineteenth and early twentieth centuries. The two states had been annexed by Great Britain after the First Boer War in , but enjoyed limited self-government until the British decided to take complete control. Paton the Teacher From to , Paton attended the University of Natal, from which he graduated with degrees in science and education. At this time, Paton began writing poetry and drama. In he became the assistant master at the Ixopo High School and, in , joined the staff of Pietermaritzburg College. Paton was appointed principal of the Diepkloof Reformatory in The Diepkloof Reformatory just outside Johannesburg, had been administered as a prison for delinquent youths from the slums rather than an institution for their rehabilitation. Paton insisted that this defeated the purpose of the reformatory. He introduced reforms that enabled some of the young to regain their self-respect. His granting of weekend leave was considered revolutionary. To the surprise of some of his colleagues, most of the boys returned at the end of their leave. The new apartheid government systematically repressed and terrorized the majority black population until its downfall in Paton retired from government service in and devoted his life to writing, lecturing on the race question, and organizing the Liberal Party of South Africa in opposition to apartheid. Cry, the Beloved Country made a tremendous impression outside South Africa and among the English-speaking citizens in the republic. The nationalist-minded Boers dismissed it as a piece of liberalistic sentimentality. It caused only a minor stir in the black African community where Paton was criticized for using stereotypes in depicting his black African characters. He was accused of approaching the black African characters from white, patronizing perspectives. This projected them either as the victims of violent and uncontrolled passions or as simple, credulous people who bore themselves with the humility of tamed savages in the presence of the white man. Formation of the Liberal Party of South Africa Cry, the Beloved Country had called for peace and understanding between races, but to Paton and those who shared his views, it was not enough for white liberals to preach race conciliation; they had to involve themselves actively in opposition to apartheid. He was elected its president in and remained in this position until the government enacted a law making the party illegal. The underlying fear was that he and his colleagues were creating potentially dangerous polarizations in the white community. In , the government declared the party illegal. Paton was spared arrest. The government did, however, seize his passport upon his return from New York where he accepted the Freedom House Award honoring his opposition to racism. Paton continued writing during these tumultuous times, publishing the novel Too Late, the Phalarope in and the play Sponono in That made it possible for him to undertake a world tour during the course of which he was showered with honors in America and Europe. Paton died of throat cancer on April 12, , at his home outside Durban, shortly after completing Journey Continued: The university set aside space for this permanent memorial to Paton for future generations of writers and activists. Both of these writers work within the framework of an external landscape where they know all the flowers and shrubs, birds and animals by their familiar names. As observers of the human inhabitants of these landscapes, both writers recognize the profound aspirations of human personality; and both communicate their insights in language that is fresh and simple, yet vibrant with meaning. Works in Critical Context Over an initial period of approximately fourteen years, Paton produced a body of work that critics first used to judge him as a writer. The novel won enthusiastic reviews from critics and elicited tears from readers. Rather, the haunting milieu of a civilization choking out its own vitality is evoked naturally and

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summons our compassion! Gardiner in a review. The novel tends to survive these objections, however, because the whole is greater than the sum of its parts. Ella Josephine Baker " Leading African-American civil rights activist who worked behind the scenes alongside Dr. Martin Luther King and several others. Sir Winston Churchill " Twice prime minister of the United Kingdom, this statesman and acclaimed orator was also a Nobel Prize -winning author. Famous expatriate writer whose name is synonymous with the Great American Novel. South African jazz pianist, composer, and activist who was instrumental in apartheid resistance efforts and subsequently was banned exiled by the South African government. What could interfere with that if you lived in a country where democracy did not rule? After reading *Cry, the Beloved Country* consider the following passages and discuss the following related questions: Let him not love the earth too deeply. Let him not laugh too gladly when the water runs through his fingers, nor stand too silent when the setting sun makes red the veld with fire. Let him not be too moved when the birds of his land are singing, nor give too much of his heart to a mountain or a valley. For fear will rob him of all if he gives too much. What does the wording remind you of, if anything? Why does the narrator seem to suggest discouraging loving the earth, or laughing too loudly, or getting too emotional about the water and birds of South Africa? Who indeed knows why there can be comfort in a world of desolation? What is he trying to understand? But when that dawn will come, of our emancipation, from the fear of bondage and the bondage of fear, why, that is a secret. Other works that focus on this theme of oppression include: *Things Fall Apart* , by Chinua Achebe. The story of colonialism and its invasive and destructive impact on Nigerian tribal culture. *Once Were Warriors* , by Alan Duff. Maori cultural struggles are closely examined in the setting of urban New Zealand and by way of the impoverished, undereducated Heke family. *A Novel* , by James Morrow. Oxford University Press, *Man in Modern Fiction: Reflections on Books and Culture* Hanover House, *Some Sort of a Job: My Life with Alan Paton*. A Survey of Contemporary Writing. Alan Stewart Paton " Retrieved February 10, , from [http: World Literature research Project](http://WorldLiterature.com). Cite this article Pick a style below, and copy the text for your bibliography.

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order to portray the devastating conditions in South Africa. Background Cry, the Beloved Country was written before passage of a new law institutionalizing the apartheid political system in South Africa. The novel was published in ; apartheid became law later that same year. The book enjoyed critical success around the world. The book is studied currently by many schools internationally. The style of writing echoes the rhythms and tone of the King James Bible. Paton was a devout Christian. Paton combined actual locales, such as Ixopo and Johannesburg, with fictional towns. The suburb in which Jarvis lived in Johannesburg, Parkwold, is fictional but its ambiance is typical of the Johannesburg suburbs of Parktown and of Saxonwold. The most evident are the names Paton gives to the characters. Absalom , the son of Stephen Kumalo, is named for the son of King David , who rose up against his father in rebellion. After the resurrection, Peter renewed his commitment to Christ and to spreading the Gospel. In another allusion, Arthur Jarvis is described as having a large collection of books on Abraham Lincoln , and the writings of Lincoln are featured several times in the novel. This may allude to the resurrection of Christ. Film, television and theatrical adaptations In , the novel was adapted into a motion picture of the same name, directed by Zoltan Korda. In a historic stage adaptation was performed by the Capital Players theatre group at the Moth Hall in Gaborone , Botswana. The country was at that time one of the leading " frontline states " to apartheid South Africa and a centre for artistic activity that often stood in quiet opposition to the racist regime just across the border. Another film version was released in , directed by Darrell Roodt. The director was Heinrich Reisenhofer. The script, together with notes and activities for school use, was published in by Oxford University Press Southern Africa. In the composer Kurt Weill , in collaboration with the American writer Maxwell Anderson book and lyrics , composed a musical based on the book called Lost in the Stars. It ran for performances before closing on 1 July It was made into a movie, starring Brock Peters and Melba Moore , released in Lost in the Stars is the last work Weill completed before his death in His voice and presence embraces the audience, who showed their appreciation by a lengthy standing ovation. Albright reports on A. Retrieved 12 May Retrieved 2 May

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