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'Extraordinary story of a shipwrecked child and her descendants, traced through contemporary oral histories and reports from the Eastern Cape.' The Bookseller

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