Clive Harber's humorous travel book

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After publishing many academic books and articles on education, Clive Harber, a professor of International Education at the University of Birmingham has changed tone and now brings readers a humorous travel book based in sub-Saharan Africa.

Professor Harber has spent over 30 years working, researching and teaching in Africa. His new book – Isn't that Dangerous? African Travels Among Academics and Other Wild Animals - tells the real story of how, in practice, his academic research on politics and education in Africa has rarely, if ever, gone according to plan despite the neat and tidy articles that appeared as a result.

At the same time his passion for African wildlife has also put him in situations not entirely suitable for his normal timidity in the face of possible danger.

"Had I known where this interest in education and animals in Africa would lead it might have been more sensible to have become an accountant," Professor Harber comments.

Beginning with two startling years in Nigeria and ending in post-apartheid South Africa, the book spans more than a dozen African countries and includes the following chapters: 'Dances with Fridges :Nigeria', 'Nightgown in the Sahara: Niger and Cameroon'; 'Wanted of Wamba : Northern Kenya'; 'A Spoon and a Frying Pan: Botswana'; 'Gremlins Under the Rocks : South Africa' and 'Is this Malawi?'

Isn't That Dangerous? African Travels Among Academics and Other Wild Animals is published by Educational Heretics Press and was launched on 04 November 2009, at the School of Education, University of Birmingham.

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