

**In mortal danger, he met** white farmers in Zimbabwe, who, under the regime of the autocratic president Robert Mugabe, are exposed to racist oppression. They are stripped of their ownership rights and hounded out of their farms. The fertile agricultural land is overgrown with scrub, for the »Land Reform« is solely about possession and power. Zimbabwe is threatened by famine, caused by mismanagement. Masquerading as a backpacker, Hans-Joachim Löwer researched the background to these events. A riveting account of the land that was once known as Africa's breadbasket, which is now sinking into poverty, political turmoil and dictatorship.

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