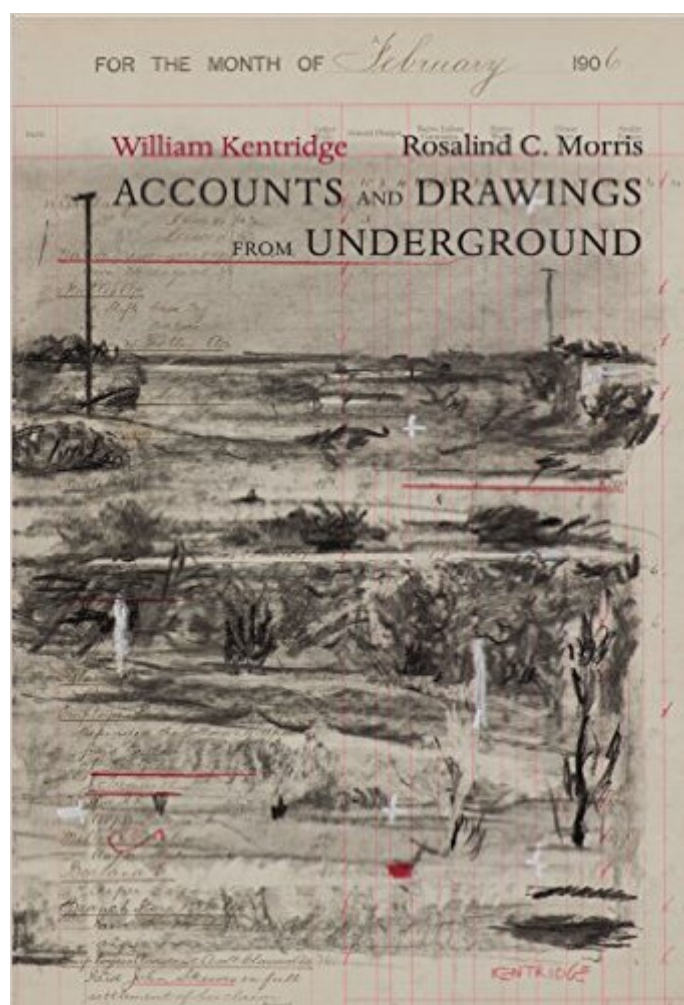


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# Accounts And Drawings From Underground: The East Rand Proprietary Mines Cash Book, 1906 (The Africa List)



## Synopsis

Over the last twenty years, William Kentridge has built a worldwide reputation as a contemporary artist, best known for his series of ten animated films created from charcoal drawings. In *Accounts and Drawings from Underground*, Kentridge and Rosalind C. Morris bring us an unprecedented collaboration, where they have taken the pages of the 1906 Cash Book of the East Rand Proprietary Mines Corporation and transformed it into something wholly new. Kentridge contributes forty landscape drawings in response to the transient terrain mining created and as a visual epitaph to a history of disappearances. For her part, Morris plumbs the text of the cash book to generate a unique narrative account. Reading down and across the columns of the pages as though they were themselves shafts in the earth, she draws together the stories of migrant laborers and charts the flows of capital and desire, overwriting the text of the book to give us a palpable sense of the world that gold mining created.

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First, I greatly admire William Kentridge's (other) works. This new book gives a series of drawings on the pages of a 1906 accounts book of a well-known South African gold mine. Although interesting, the drawings do not convey to this reader the "transient terrain that mining created". The book's co-author, Professor Rosalind Morris, however provides a fascinating account of the world that gold mining created. The biggest disappointment is the physical book. It's quality does not convey the \$100 price tag. When paging through the book, the dustcover's glossy inside causes a cheap

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