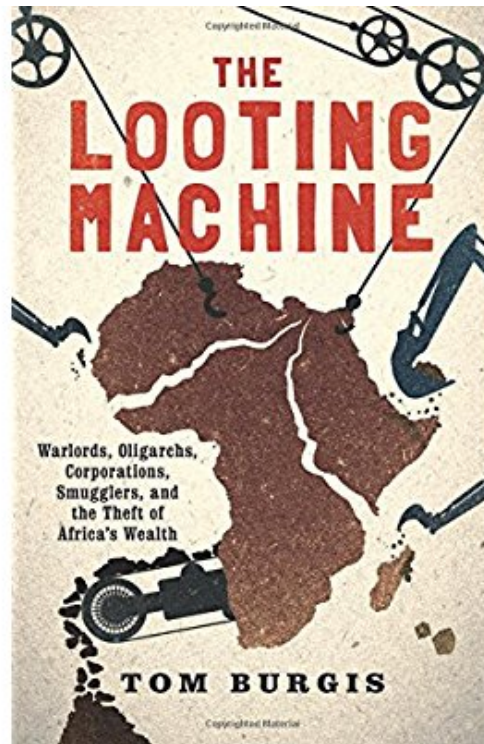


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Review One of Financial Times' Books of the Year, 2015'...a brave and defiant book.' New York Times Sunday Book Review'...powerful new book.' Nicholas Kristof, New York Times columnist[an] impressive studyIt is to Mr. Burgis's tremendous credit that he writes with such tenacity.'" Wall Street Journal'[Burgis] presents a lively portrait of the rapacious 'looting machine'...a rich collage of examples showing the links between corrupt companies and African elites.'The Economist[Burgis] brings the tools of an investigative reporter and the sensibility of a foreign correspondent [He] transcends the tired binary debate about the root causes of the continent's misery.'Howard French, Foreign Affairs'Essential for understanding the colonial Africa of the past and, even more so, the diverse Africa of today.' Library Journal'A brave, excoriating exposé of the systematic ruination of resource-rich countries of Africa, leaving 'penury and strife' for its millions of inhabitants...An earnest, eye-opening, important account for Western readers.' Kirkus Reviews STARRED'A great scrapbook of exploitation. It is written in a way that will appeal to the general reader, but still interest specialists...Burgis has the good sense not to present [the cruel contrast between individual poverty and national wealth] in an alarmist way, but with an understatement that is far more powerful...The Looting Machine is in part a means of self-exoneration, a way of making amends to those he ultimately could not help...[in this book] has done a service to some of the world's poorest people.' Financial Times'[An] excellent, finely reported book...The great value of The Looting Machine lies in its fresh detail, storytelling and the characters Burgis introduces. The Looting Machine is crammed with colour and lively investigative reporting.' Literary Review (UK)'Revealing...Burgis explains lucidly how the oil and mineral bonanza subverts societies and corrupts western multinational companies trying to cash in...[He] is particularly acute in analysing how multinationals connive in this institutionalised theftThis intelligent book should give us all pause for thought when we fill our cars with petrol.' The Sunday Times (UK)'A rollercoaster read. Filled with vignettes on spooks, smugglers and kleptocratic warlords with suitcases of cash, it reads like a crime thriller, while at the same time being a well-researched, accessible account of the extractives industry; the privatisation of power in Africa and its impact on the continent's people.' African Arguments'This fine book...catalogues the grotesque self-enrichment of the callous rulers of Angola, Congo, Equatorial Guinea and Nigeriacountries that should be immensely wealthy, but which remain poor, even by African standards. In each case, this theft of national treasure would be impossible without non-African facilitators. ... Burgis's book is essential to understanding why poverty, ignorance and conflict persist in Africa.' Independent Catholic News'An excellent book. Despite Africa's impressive economic 5% growth rate, Tom Burgis ensures that we don't stop wondering who does what in Africa and how we are all party to what Western investors" are up to. The post-colonial corruption and rape of African resource to the benefit of western consumption is still alive and horribly well.'" Jon Snow, presenter, Channel 4 News (UK)[Burgis] makes a powerful case, through anecdote and evidence, that the dirty trade in raw materials serves individuals' own enrichment and the demands of oligarchic and state interests worldwide.' The Times (UK)'After nine years reporting on Africa for the Financial Times, Tom Burgis exposes how the extractive industries have turned into a hideous looting machine[an] informative book.'" The Guardian (UK)'Burgis shows how even the World Bank is linked to this looting [of Africa, and he] makes an important case colourfully, convincingly and

at times courageously as he confronts some of those involved in the pillaging.' Observer (UK)'Brilliantfascinating detail The book lives up to its colourful subtitle Warlords, tycoons, smugglers and the systematic theft of Africa's wealth'. Showing the finesse and determination that has won him awards at the FT, and at considerable risk to his own well-being, Burgis tracks down and confronts the people at the centre of this plunder.' African Research Institute Read more About the Author Tom Burgis has been tenacious and intrepid in confronting the powerful vested interests corporate, military, financial and political that have fed to excess off Africa's riches. He has been reporting for the Financial Times for the last eight years, writing a series of prizewinning investigative reports from Johannesburg and Lagos. He was the winner of the FT's second annual Jones-Mauthner Memorial Prize for his superb reporting and exposés of corruption, and the Jerwood Award for a nonfiction book in progress for The Looting Machine. He was shortlisted as a young journalist of the year for his Africa reports. This is his first book. Read more