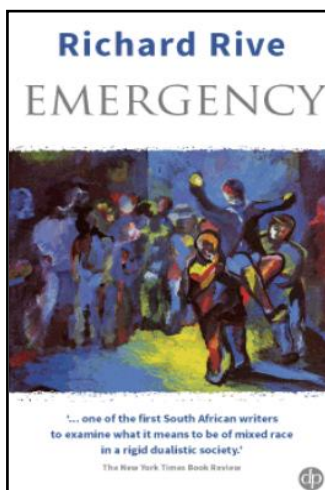


## BOOK INFORMATION



### **EMERGENCY** **By RICHARD RIVE**

The three days in March 1960 between the Sharpeville shootings and the declaration of the first State of Emergency are crucial ones in the life of Andrew Dreyer, a young 'coloured' school teacher in Cape Town. One of six children born in District Six, he ran away the night his mother died, and went to stay with his married sister in the middle-class suburb of Walmer Estate. It wasn't until he went to university that he began to shape his own life and grapple with the political issues of his country. By the time of the 1960 troubles, he is involved enough to be pursued by the Special Branch; and goaded by the critical events of

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Richard Rive is the author of *Writing Black*, *Advance Retreat*, and *Buckingham Palace*, *District Six*. His edition of the first volume of the letters of Olive Schreiner has recently been published.

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'... one of the first South African writers to examine what it means to be mixed race in a rigid dualistic society.'  
**The New York Times**

#### **About the author:**

RICHARD RIVE was born in 1930 in Cape Town's slum area of District Six. His distinction as a scholar took him out of the ghetto. He also participated in the campaign of defiance against apartheid. Rive's first novel, *Emergency*, dealing with his experiences in this period, was published abroad in 1964 to wide critical acclaim. In 1965, Richard Rive went to take his Master's Degree at Columbia University. He later studied for his Doctorate at Oxford University before returning to settle as an English professor at his alma mater, Hewat College. Rive's writings include poems, short stories, and the autobiographical novel *'Buckingham Palace', District Six*, about his boyhood in the slums.

Richard Rive was murdered in Cape Town in 1989.

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