

Writer, journalist

Stephan Hofstatter

Experience

2018 – 2021

Co-author of *The Battle of Bangui*

Published by Penguin Random House in February 2021. Praised by critics, inter alia, for offering descriptions of battle scenes “that will take your breath away” and “excellent writing [that] will leave you wanting more”.

<https://www.amazon.com/Battle-Bangui-Africas-military-apartheid-ebook/dp/B08WFC8YZ9>

2016 – 2020

Film researcher for *The Hunt for Gaddafi's Billions*

Screened by BBC 4, VPRO and other international broadcasters in 2020 and 2021. Winner of the 2021 Rockie Award for best crime and investigative documentary. Nominated for an Emmy Award, August 2021. *The Telegraph* newspaper described it as being “like something out of a John le Carré novel”. <https://www.imdb.com/title/tt14143654/>

2016 – 2018

Author of *Licence to Loot*

Published by Penguin Random House in September 2018. Placed on *The Economist* magazine’s list of recommended reading on South African history in the era of state capture

<https://www.amazon.com/Licence-Loot-plunder-parastatals-almost-ebook/dp/B07GZR5RS6>

2017 – 2018

Contract writer, investigations: *Business Day*, *Financial Mail*

Investigating high-profile cases of state corruption and human rights abuses

2010 – 2017

Investigative journalist: *Sunday Times*

Investigating high-profile cases of state corruption and human rights abuses

2003 – 2010

Senior reporter, contract writer: *ThisDay*, *Financial Mail*, *Farmer’s Weekly*

Specialising in land reform

Education

1996
BA (Hons), African Studies
University of Cape Town

Achievements

- Multiple Journalist of the Year award winner
- Multiple awards for investigations, reportage and financial journalism

Interests

Literature, film, cartoon art, fine art, history, politics, armed conflict, human rights, surfing and hiking

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