Notes from Wilbur Smith

Hector Cross was no socialist. Republican voter, Married to a billionaire, head of Crossbow security with numerous contacts in the US military and Middle Eastern oil-states, defender of big oil interests. Yet Hector can see clearly that

 ‘This is a cocked-up society when the bankers pull in multi-million pounds bonuses and good kids can’t find a job and so they rot on the streets and turn bad. We have a sh-- storm brewing up out there’ (W Smith 2013 p156).

 P167 If you stare intently at a wild animal in the jungle, it will often sense your gaze and react to it. (unseen forces connect us and should not be ignored)i

P267 ‘If you have enough money, you can do anything you want and have anything you want. And Nobody is going to stop you.

“If you have enough money, you can take anything and do anything . And Nobody is going to stop you. “

***For Exxon pipeline:*** The tiny kingdom of Kazunda was situated on the border of the remote and dangerous Eastern areas where the local population, including women and small children, was coerced by armed soldiers of rogue factions into laboring 48 hour shifts in the mud-slides and collapsing tunnels of the primitive mines. They were mining Coltan, used in cellphones and laptops, worth half as much again as pure gold. (The conflict-minerals and blood diamonds.) Paradoxically, the industrial nations had developed an insatiable hunger for them. In the process of attempting to embargo them the altruists had driven their market value up to astronomical heights. For a man like Carl, this situation could be summed up with one sweet and melodious word: “profit”.