

SOUTH AFRICA – CONTEXT ON A CONTINENT

PICTURE BOOKS – SOUTH AFRICA AND BEYOND

Elizabethi's School by Stephanie Stuve-Bodeen

A young girl starts school in Tanzania.

Elsina's Clouds by Jeanette Winter

A Basotho girl paints designs on her house as a prayer for rain.

Galimoto by Karen Lynn Williams; illustrated by Catherine Stock

A village boy from Malawi makes a special toy from found things.

Gift of the Sun. A Tale from South Africa by Diane Stewart

A boy sells his cow and makes exchanges that result in prosperity.

Goal! by Mina Javaherbin

In a dangerous South African township, a group of young soccer players unites against bullies.

My Painted House, My Friendly Chicken, and Me by Maya Angelou; photographs by Margaret Courtney-Clarke

An eight-year old girl tells about the traditional art work of the Ndebele people of South Africa.

One Child, One Seed. A South African Counting Book by Kathryn Cave

A young girl who lives in Nkandla helps her family grow pumpkins. A recipe is included.

The Day Gogo Went to Vote: South Africa, April 1994 by Elinor Sisulu; illustrated by Sharon Wilson

A great-grandmother casts her ballot when black South Africans are allowed to vote for the first time.

Where's Jamela? by Niki Daly (series)

Jamela's mother gets a new house and a new job, but Jamela doesn't like change.

Where Are You Going, Manyoni? By Catherine Stock

A girl in Zimbabwe encounters animals on her way to school.

FICTION SET IN SOUTH AFRICA

Chain of Fire by Beverly Naidoo

A brother and sister forced to resettle in a barren "homeland" resist and learn about the brutality of the South African government.

Chanda's Secrets by Allan Stratton

A sixteen-year-old in a small South African town faces shame as she struggles to help friends and family members dying of AIDS.

Journey to Jo'burg. A South African Story by Beverly Naidoo

Separated from their mother by harsh economic conditions, a brother and sister travel a long distance to find her.

Out of Bounds. Seven Stories of Conflict and Hope by Beverly Naidoo

Covering from 1948 to 2000, seven stories chronicle the experiences of young people from different races and ethnic groups under apartheid.

THE LIVES OF FAMOUS SOUTH AFRICANS

Born a Crime. Stories from a South African Childhood by Trevor Noah
Memoir by the “Daily Show” host. (Adapted for Young Readers)

Mama Africa! How Miriam Makeba Spread Hope with Her Song by Kathryn Erskine; illustrations by Charly Palmer
Picture biography of the famed Xhosa singer and activist.

Biographies of the Nobel-Prize winner who helped dismantle apartheid and introduce democracy in South Africa.

Picture Biographies

Grandad Mandela by Zindzi Mandela; illustrated by Sean Qualls

Mandela: From the Life of the South African Statesman by Floyd Cooper

Nelson Mandela by Kadir Nelson

Peaceful Protest: The Life of Nelson Mandela by Yona Zeldis McDonough

Chapter Books

National Geographic Readers: Nelson Mandela by Barbara Kramer

Who Was Nelson Mandela? by Meg Belviso

Autobiography

Nelson Mandela: Long Walk to Freedom by Nelson B. Mandela

SOUTH AFRICA AND BEYOND – LANDSCAPE, HISTORY, AND CULTURE

Ashanti to Zulu. African Traditions by Margaret Musgrove
Explains some customs and traditions for 26 tribes.

Not-For-Parents Africa. Everything You Ever Wanted to Know by Clive Gifford
Broad introduction to the continent. (Lonely Planet Kids)

South Africa by Mary N. Oluonye
An introduction to the landscape, culture, and people of South Africa

South Africa by Sheelah Matthews
Describes South Africa including landscape, flora, fauna, natural resources, peoples, culture, politics, sports, and government.

The Struggle Against Apartheid by Patience Coster
Discusses events in South Africa that led up to and followed the end of apartheid.