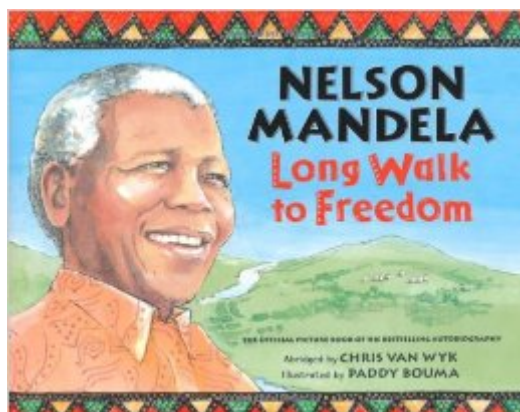


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# Nelson Mandela: Long Walk To Freedom



## Synopsis

Nelson Mandela's autobiography, *LONG WALK TO FREEDOM*, offers a glimpse into the mind of a great leader, admired across the globe for his dedication to the struggles against apartheid in South Africa. Now the youngest readers can discover the remarkable story of Mandela's long walk from ordinary village boy, to his dynamic leadership of the African National Congress, to his many long years in prison-and, at last, his freedom and astonishing rise to become the leader of his country.

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Roilihlahla was born in South Africa during a time when it was "ruled by white people only." His father, a Thembu chief, unknowingly gave him a name in Xhosa which meant "troublemaker." It was if it were a prophetic name, but he never could have known the troubles and triumphs that lay in front of this small happy child. When his father died when he was nine-years-old he went to live with his father's friend, Chief Jongintaba. He was not alone because he had Justice, Chief's son, and they "became best friends." Education was important and Nelson, as he became known in school, went to Fort Hare, "a university for black students in the Eastern Cape." Nelson Mandela was a young man of promise, but no one really knew how important he would be to the world. He met a fellow student named Oliver Tambo, a young man who would play a critical role in his life. He left the University before he graduated because he stood up for his beliefs. When Uncle Jongi picked

out wives for him and Justice they fled to Johannesburg. No love, no wife, but adventure interested them. There he found love and a family, but Evelyn and Nelson "soon parted" ways. Oliver and Nelson set up a law firm in 1950. In 1948 the "government started passing laws that introduced apartheid, which divided black and white people into separate groups." Nelson began to move in a direction no black had ever taken. It was a path that would compromise his own freedom and safety, but was he bold enough to continue on a path that could change the world? This marvelous book is an abridgement of his autobiography, "Nelson Mandela: Long Walk to Freedom."

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