

My Friend, MANDELA

A Grandfather's Tale

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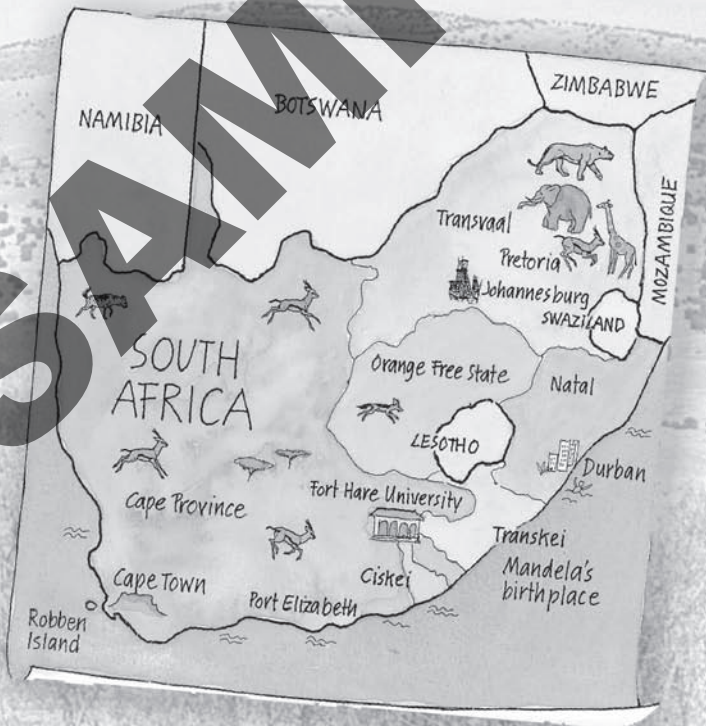
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Introduction

Nelson Mandela was the most famous prisoner in the world. He then became one of the most important leaders of the past century. He may also be one of the most famous grandfathers in the world! Here, he is celebrating a birthday with his family.



This book is about another grandfather, who is not world-famous. He is teaching his grandson about Nelson Mandela. The young grandson is named Andile (An-dee-lay), and he is growing up in a South Africa that is very different from the one that his grandfather and Nelson Mandela knew when they were children.



Andile has friends who are both black and white. He knows very little about the struggle that Nelson Mandela fought so that South Africa's black people could have a better life. Andile's grandfather wants him to understand how challenging life used to be in South Africa. The best way to do this is to tell him this story.

