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Mandela: My Prisoner, My Friend



Synopsis

Christo Brand was an 18-year-old recruit to the South African prison service when he was sent to work at the Robben Island prison. He was assigned to guard Nelson Mandela, who he was told was a dangerous terrorist. Over time, he became friendly with Mandela, even helping his wife Winnie bring in their grandchild for Mandela to hold for the first time. The bond of trust between the two men extended beyond Mandela's prison years. As President of South Africa, he called for Christo and gave him a job in the archives department in Parliament. A few weeks before his death, Mandela made another call, to say goodbye. *Mandela: My Prisoner, My Friend* is the story of Mandela's life in Christo Brand's own words, and of a powerful friendship forming in the most unlikely of places.

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