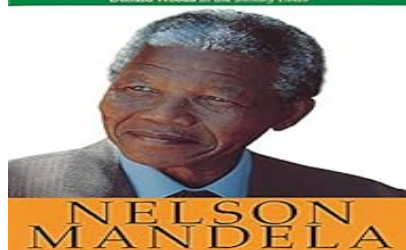


Long Walk To Freedom : Mandela, Nelson By Nelson Mandela The first thing that I noticed about the book was it's written in a way that as you read it you can hear him reading it just a half step behind you and his word echoing twice as loud too I was lucky as I'd managed to get one of the business class seats that were up stairs in the bubble so it was very quiet and helped with concentration although I'm sure that the manic family gatherings would still not distract me. Even if your not political or followed his story you will be amazed at the hardship and severe pain and punishment he was subjected too but still did nothing to his jailers or those that placed him there. I'd finished this book just in time for the scenic view of Tanle Mountain and an alternate route the captain asked for and got it this time so we could see the Bloubergstrand and Table Mountain. The crew were asking about it as they obviously knew who he was and I told them I'd started it at Schipol and it's now done !!! They were amazed and said they'd have to get it at the airport as they had a few days off. This experience contrasts sharply with the Ken Saro Wiwa trial in my native Nigeria in which the Mr Ken Saro Wiwa was tried in secret and executed before his appeal could be heard. Nelson Mandela states very clearly in his autobiography the names of the men and women who were as passionate about ending Apartheid as he was: Whites such as Bram Fischer and Joe Slovo; Indians like Mac Maharaj and Ahmed Katharanda. He is consummate politician.

The riveting memoirs of the outstanding moral and political leader of our time A LONG WALK TO FREEDOM brilliantly re creates the drama of the experiences that helped shape Nelson Mandela's destiny. Emotive compelling and uplifting A LONG WALK TO FREEDOM is the exhilarating story of an epic life; a story of hardship resilience and ultimate triumph told with the clarity and eloquence of a born leader. 'Burns with the luminosity of faith in the invincible nature of human hope and dignity Unforgettable' Andre Brink 'Enthralling Mandela emulates the few great political leaders such as Lincoln and Gandhi who go beyond mere consensus and move out ahead of their followers to break new ground' Donald Woods in the SUNDAY TIMES Long Walk To Freedom : Mandela NelsonThe most eloquent writing. I'm going to tell you about the impact this compelling story about a young boy from a very very poor family and his struggles put in front of him and how it eventually led him to be the leader of the New South Africa & an inspirational figure to all of us be we South African or not. The flight seemed to be just 5 10 minutes as I couldn't put this masterpiece that Madiba has written about compassion wine cognac and a couple of coffees I was about 85% approx from finishing it. RIP Madiba you're going to live on forever through your books kindness and inclusiveness that you set up as part of the healing process that South Africa is still going through. 784 pages It was about 30 years ago that I first read this book but somehow I lost it I don't know where probably during house moves?So I bought it again to refresh my memory about what Nelson went through during his lifetime and his struggles with the hated apartheid regime including his 27 years in prison on Robbin's Island that he endured in South Africa and he went on to become a great leader of that country. Mr Mandela: `I had no epiphany no singular revelation no moment of truth but a steady accumulation of a thousand slights a thousand dignities produced in me an anger a rebelliousness a desire to fight the system that imprisoned my people'. Rising quickly through the ranks Mandela became the de facto leader of the ANC and the founder of the armed wing of the party the Umkhonto we Sizwe the Spear of the Nation. Another thing that stuck me was how the Apartheid government despite its horrible treatment of Blacks and anyone who questioned Apartheid still maintained a shadow of respect for due process and the rule of law. 784 pages In the wild animals kill each other for meat only because they are hungry! They very rarely kill out of spitefulness! But man the atrocities man inflicts on his own kind are just unbelievable! The fact that man knows right from wrong proves his intellectual superiority to the other creatures; but the fact that he can do so much wrong proves his moral inferiority to any creature that cannot! Of all the animals man is the only one that is cruel. He is the only one that inflicts pain for the pleasure of doing it needless to say that Mandela a black man in his own country in his own continent was put to prison for 27yrs by a white man! However the book shows how smart and highly intellectual Mandela was he enjoyed reading studying and finding out things even as a young man and that's

probably what kept him "occupied" in that tiny little cell on Robben Island. Haile Selassie said in his speech at the UN on 6th October 1963: "That until the philosophy which holds one race superior and another inferior is finally and permanently discredited and abandoned: That until there are no longer first class and second class citizens of any nation; That until the colour of a man's skin is of no significance than the color of his eyes; That until the basic human rights are equally guaranteed to all without regard to race; That until that day the dream of lasting peace and world citizenship and the rule of international morality will remain but a fleeting illusion to be pursued but never attained; And until the ignoble and unhappy regimes that hold our brothers in Angola in Mozambique and in South Africa in subhuman bondage have been toppled and destroyed; Until bigotry and prejudice and malicious and inhuman self interest have been replaced by understanding and tolerance and good will; Until all Africans stand and speak as free beings equal in the eyes of all men as they are in the eyes of Heaven; Until that day the African continent will not know peace. We Africans will fight if necessary and we know that we shall win as we are confident in the victory of good over evil" Long LIVE Madiba LONG LIVE! 784 pages



Nelson Mandela was born in Transkei South Africa on 18 July 1918. In November 1962 he was sentenced to five years in prison and started serving his sentence at Robben Island Prison in 1963 before being returned to Pretoria where he was to later stand in the Rivonia Trial. From 1964 to 1982 he was again incarcerated at Robben Island Prison and then later moved to Pollsmoor Prison during which his reputation as a potent symbol of resistance to the anti apartheid movement grew steadily,

Being stronger and rising above the wrongdoings and preventing it from happening again. His stoic nature but the warmth and kindness with his eyes smiling along with his actual smile too This book has been read so many times that I'm now on my 4th version of it and it's a hardback this time hoping it will last, I can't say enough about this book you just must read it, This book was open and ready to read page one as we were getting pushed back to taxi for take off: By the time I'd had my evening meal (it was a 19:00 20:00 take off time) had some nice snacks.

Had breakfast o: I donated that version to them and they were so touched !! I got a goody bag with an extra 7 8 of the Delft Houses and other non Alcoholic items too. I'm now half way through go and still feels like the first time, A must read and you'll be amazed.

Sisulu and the others, Some like Bram Fischer and Ruth Fish would die in upholding the ideal. He's just the best ever! You cant help but fall in love with his character his enthusiasm and optimism: 784 pages Before starting the rest of this review I'm not going to spoil any of the emotional impact that this book will guarantee to give you: By half way through you'll be through nearly all the emotion's possible & a couple of boxes of tissues too: The first time I read this book was just shortly after it's release and I was looking for a good book for a long flight from Schipol Amsterdam to Cape Town on KLM: We landed in Johannesburg to let folk off get a new crew some fuel and a redo on the food carts. As this is a current edition it includes a bit about his last years and passing away His legacy will be felt for centuries and perhaps milenia too I can say that things are a lot better but a lot still needs to be done too, 784 pages What can one say about Nelson Mandela? His autobiography speaks for itself: Born to relative privilege in South Africa Mr Mandela chronicles his

childhood the death of his father when Mandela was 9 years old and his upbringing by Chief Dalindyonba, Even though Mandela was not born a freedom fighter (a term he uses liberally in the book to describe himself) his strength of character was evident at quite an early age. As an undergraduate at Fort Hare he resigned his position on the Student Council in protest at a sham election, However this decision cost him his place at a prestigious university an event that changed his life forever, And what a fighter he was! The rest as they say is history, Thereafter he was sentenced to life in prison for conspiracy to commit sabotage and was released 27 years later in 1991, To my mind it is in prison that Mr Mandela's character as an outstanding leader is revealed, While in prison he led hunger strikes and every other conceivable measure to protest his condition or those of his fellow prisoners. Even before his fellow prisoners knew he was ready to begin negotiations with the government. As it turns out Mr Mandela was on the right side of history: There were clear lines of authority and all decisions were reached by consensus: Even though the ANC Executive was hounded to near extinction by the Apartheid government they remained disciplined and committed as ever to the cause: For example when Mandela was charged with High Treason he was tried in public by an independent judge. There were no secret trials or kangaroo courts set up to try the ANC. Even when Mandela was tried for sabotage the judge refused to impose the death sentence: Instead he meted out life sentences for Mandela strategist scholar idealist pragmatist facilitator negotiator and freedom fighter all rolled up in one. He joined the African National Congress in 1944 and was engaged in resistance against the ruling National Party's apartheid policies after 1948 before being arrested in August 1962. The 2hr 30min hop down to Cape Town.Mandela's life was not only about Blacks.Mandela is truly one of the great leaders of our time. A story of growth struggle hope. Amazing amazing amazing. Something I didn't imagine. Nelson Mandela is a funny man. Its infectious. I'm from Scotland just to clarify. We were down for about an hour. Then took off shocked in tears laughter joy elation.Moving to Johannesburg he became slowly politicised. He seemed to know when to compromise and when to strike.I was struck by how democratic and organised the ANC was. This book is an excellent portrayal of this unique man. It deserves my 5 stars..