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TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN — Al Budka, et al, Pathfinder Press

RE: NELSON MANDELA'S The Struggle Is My Life.

FROM: Alice Walker

This is a book that reveals the patience, thoughtfulness and wisdom of the man who is the real leader of South Africa, no less than it reveals his impatience for justice, and his clear determination to be a leader of whom all people who love justice and want peace can be proud. It is especially valuable for the insights into his character and the character of those fighting for freedom in South Africa offered by colleagues and friends of Mandela. A book of suffering, yes, but also a primer of political purification and morality, belief in the essential dignity and competence of ordinary people, and an optimism based on an undiminished - historically and contemporarily - self-respect.

Nelson Mandela is our father and our brother and our son whose presence among us we so deeply miss. This book makes him more visible to our longing hearts.

Sincerely,

  
Alice Walker