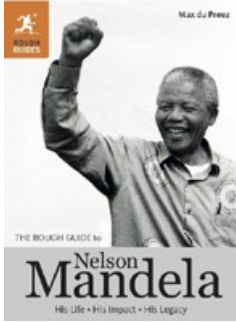


Max du Preez brings out new book on Mandela



A fresh, honest overview of the life story and the impact of [Nelson Mandela](#) has been compiled by author and columnist, [Max du Preez \(@MaxduPreez\)](#), and published by Penguin for release this month, *The Rough Guide to Nelson Mandela*. It assesses the influence of his rural, traditional childhood on his later personality and his early years as a revolutionary leader and attempts to explain Mandela's remarkable lack of bitterness and his commitment to reconciliation with the white minority after his release. It claims to give a rare insight into his role during the crucial negotiations period, his term as South Africa's first black president and critically examines his iconic status and impact on the world stage.

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