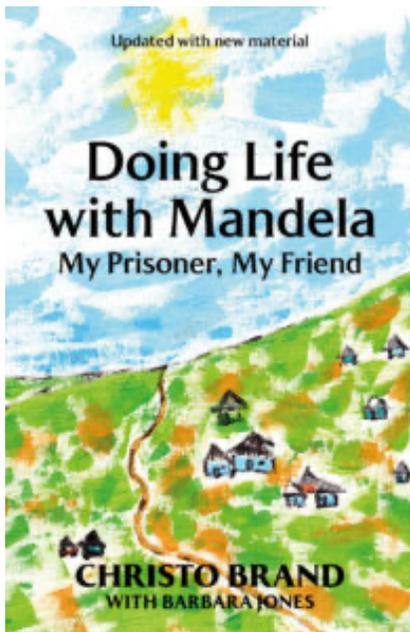


Doing Life with Mandela: My Prisoner, My Friend

Christo Brand will be touring the USA in the first two weeks of November 2023, sharing the story of his journey with Nelson Mandela. To inquire about booking him to speak to your school, university, special interest, or corporate group, contact Andrew Russell at info@christobrand.co.za. For more information about Christo visit www.christobrand.co.za.

Doing Life with Mandela: My Prisoner, My Friend can be ordered at www.blueearbooks.com or [via Amazon](https://www.amazon.com). To inquire about bulk orders, contact Ethan Casey at ecasey@blueearbooks.com.



Afrikaner farm boy Christo Brand joined the apartheid-era South African prison service at 17 as an alternative to serving in the military. He found himself guarding men he was told were the country's most notorious terrorists: Nelson Mandela, Walter Sisulu, Ahmed Kathrada – names that would later become legendary worldwide for moral and political heroism. The lifelong friendship Brand forged with Mandela is the subject of his memoir, first published in 2014. The book's London launch was presided over by Mandela's daughter Zindzi, at her late father's behest.

Now updated and republished by Blue Ear Books, with a special section of freshly commissioned writings by 16 people who knew both men well – fellow political prisoners, Mandela and Kathrada family members, activists, educators, and a member of South Africa's Truth and Reconciliation Commission – *Doing Life with Mandela: My Prisoner, My Friend* is more timely than ever, showing as it does the difference that personal respect and friendship can make in a racially divided society and under an oppressive regime.

“Men like Warrant Officer Brand reinforced my belief in the essential humanity even of those who had kept me behind bars for the previous twenty-seven and a half years.”

– Nelson Mandela

Andrew Russell is currently working on a companion book with the title *The Leadership We Need: Lessons for Today from Nelson Mandela*. He will also be offering a talk on that topic.