

## Freedom Fighters

*Chris van Wyk*

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The series Freedom Fighters is directed at schools, particularly at children who have never experienced apartheid first-hand – they know about it only through their parents. Colourful, appealing, and well illustrated with archive photographs, each book is a profile of a hero of the struggle. Simply written by Chris van Wyk, they are, as would be expected in children's books, sometimes a little rosy in their portrayals, tending to avoid controversial issues. But, as an introduction to some of South Africa's leading historical figures, the series fulfils a noble purpose.

The question was who to include and who to leave out, and to that everyone would probably have a different answer. Chris van Wyk's list, in no particular order, is: Oliver Tambo, Nelson Mandela, Helen Joseph, Chris Hani, Albert Luthuli, Thabo Mbeki, Winnie Madikizela-Mandela, Desmond Tutu, Seretse Khama, and Steve Biko.

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