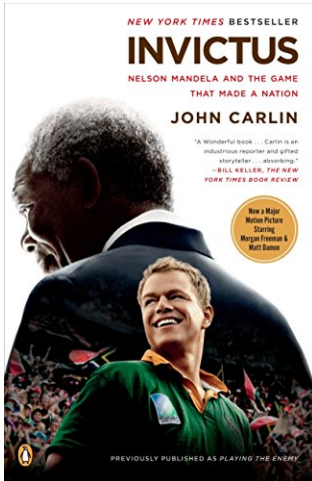


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Description:

From Publishers Weekly Carlin offers the final dramatic chapters of how then president Nelson Mandela and his wily strategy of using a sporting event—the Sprinkboks rugby team in the 1995 World Cup—to mend South Africa. Carlin, a senior international writer for *El País*, quotes Mandela: Sports has the power to change the world.... It is more powerful than government in breaking down racial barriers. After giving an informed capsule history of apartheid's bitter legacy and Mandela's noble stature as a leader, the scene is set for the influential rugby match between the solid New Zealand team and the scrappy South African squad in the finals of the World Cup, with 43 million blacks and whites awaiting the outcome. All of the cast in Afrikaner lore are here—Botha, DeKlerk, Bernard, Viljeon—as they match wits with Mandela. Carlin concludes this excellent book of redemption and forgiveness with chapters that depict how a divided country can be elevated beyond hate and malice to pride and healing. (Aug.)

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From *Starred Review* Nelson Mandela spent 27 years in a South African prison because of his position as the military leader of the African National Congress, the leading anti-apartheid organization. Amazingly, while inside, he actually increased his influence as a resistance leader. In 1994, after his release, he was elected South Africa's president in the country's first free election. Realizing that his new government was on tenuous ground and could disintegrate at any moment, he sought a symbolic moment that would unite the black citizenry with white Afrikaners and hit upon the idea of South Africa hosting rugby's first World Cup. The first step was to convince South Africa's national team—the Springboks—to get aboard. Mandela's charm, determination, and patriotism won them over to the point that the team wound up singing the national anthem of the black resistance movement in a much-replayed television spot. Improbably, Springbok—once the sporting symbol of Afrikaner dominance and arrogance—advanced to the cup finals, gathering more fans, black and white, with each win. Carlin, former U.S. bureau chief for the Independent, was assigned to South Africa during the transition from white to majority rule. He personally interviewed most of the principals involved in this fascinating story and undertook the project with Mandela's blessing. A new slant on the familiar but always inspiring saga of Mandela's rise to power. --Wes Lukowsky --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

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Introductory Information Title- *Invictus: Nelson Mandela and the Game That Made a Nation* Author- John Carlin Genre- Non-Fiction, History Historical Context- Published on November 18, 2009. More of a modern book taking place in the late 1990s. The book is also made into a movie starring Matt Damon and Morgan Freeman. *Invictus* is a poem that Nelson Mandela recites and is written by William Ernest Benley. Protagonist- Nelson Mandela is the protagonist. He is fighting for equality and fair treatment for minorities in South Africa yet does so in a lovi

When Nelson Mandela was released from a South African prison in 1990 after serving 27 years, he was returning to a nation torn apart by apartheid. Riots tore through the streets, people were imprisoned and executed for very little reason, and white man was against black man. 'Separate but unequal' could have been the slogan of the Rugby had been viewed for years by black South Africans as the "white man's game" and the symbol of all that was wrong with their country. White South Africans, or Afrikaners, by contrast, loved their sport and their team. The rugby teams of the 1990s reported meeting very hostile crowds worldwide as they traveled abroad for games, as they were considered symbols of the apartheid and defacto supporters of it. Mandela made some light remarks, raising some laughs, and then Du Plessis called for quiet so that the president could address the team. Somewhat to their surprise, Mandela started by taking up the same lofty themes he generally did when addressing white people. (His audience was all white that day, as Chester Williams was away nursing an injury.)