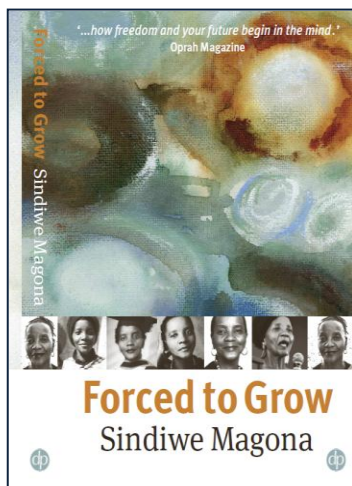


## BOOK INFORMATION



### FORCED TO GROW

**By Sindiwe Magona**

*To My Children's Children*, the powerful and widely acclaimed autobiography of Sindiwe Magona's early years in South Africa, announced the arrival of a new black writer. *Forced to Grow* continues the story from when her husband deserted her, aged 23, to fend for herself, her two daughters and unborn son.

With indomitable spirit, she describes attempts to make something of her life – from experiences as a seller of dagga and sheep's heads, and ginger beer at rugby matches – to her life as a young teacher, her ambitious studies out of hours, her agonies as a parent during the 1976 student revolt, and her involvement in women's organisations working for racial harmony. *Forced to Grow* covers the tough years, and her triumph as the recipient of a scholarship from Columbia University. Throughout, she retains her sharp sense of humour even when describing her many hardships and crises.

#### **Reviews:**

*To My Children's Children* is a delightful, feisty and uplifting story that chronicles in a refreshing and authentic voice what it means to attain womanhood in a society where patriarchy and apartheid often conspire to degrade and enslave women economically, domestically, politically, traditionally and sexually.' **Washington Post Book World**

'Reading Sindiwe Magona's autobiography is like holding a handful of bright African beads, each tale ... is part of the treasure: you are affected and altered. It is a bold, spirited, funny book. One of the best'.

**Cape Argus**

#### **About the author**

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