This collection of essays provides a necessary injection of critical scholarship to mark the commemoration of the centenary of the African National Congress. Impressive in its scope, insights and approach, this book will be a must-read for anyone interested in the field of liberation history.

Uma Dhupelia-Mesthrie, University of the Western Cape

As a national liberation movement the ANC helped shape the history of twentieth-century South Africa. The authors explore a number of different facets of an inspiring tale of thousands of men and women who embarked on a hazardous journey for freedom armed only with their convictions and determination. This book is an excellent attempt to lay bare the modalities of how this was achieved.

Z. Pallo Jordan, former minister of arts and culture

One Hundred Years of the ANC is a treasure trove of history – of extraordinary episodes, and magnetic personalities, interlaced with the role of the masses in making history – that is both enlightening and, at times, uncomfortable or unsettling. An important collection of voices and stories that will stand the test of time.

Ronnie Kasrils, former government minister, author and activist

Coinciding with the centenary of the ANC, this book comes at a time when South Africa and its ruling party are under an intense spotlight. Its timely intervention will help South Africans understand that they know very little about their own country and, perhaps, after reading it, we’ll emerge as better people.

Mandla Langa, writer

One Hundred Years of the ANC complicates the single heroic narrative of liberation, which makes it an original, useful and refreshing read. This will be a collection to which readers with an interest in modern South African politics and South African political history will return to again and again.

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