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Narrating the everyday: windows on life in Central South Africa

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ABSTRACT

We live in storytelling societies — to know someone is to know that person's story. Sharing stories is a way to understand, to celebrate, and perhaps even to transcend, who we are as individuals and as social beings. These aspirations are at the heart of this fascinating collection of narratives, each one a window opening onto a unique facet of life in South Africa's Free State.

The collection is grounded in the work of local researchers in critical conversation with sociological theory. In analysing the stories of ordinary people and everyday experience, the chapters call attention to the intersection of traditional and modern, local and global, privilege and privation.

This is sociology at its best —meticulous and systematic, accessible and engaging, insightful and intriguing.

Essential reading for all opinion leaders, social scientists, as well as students and researchers of everyday life