

Library Africa Month Programme

1. Book Launch: *I am a man* (UFS Sasol Library, Bloemfontein Campus, and via live streaming)

Date: 18 May 2022

Time: 17:00-18:30

Venue: UFS Sasol Library – Level 2

Link: [Africa Day Commemoration - LibCal - University of the Free State](#)

About the author

The UFS Sasol Library, in collaboration with the Office for International Affairs, invites you to the launch of a book by Dr Jerry Mofokeng wa Makhetha, titled *I am a man*. In this book, he explains his complex relationship with masculinity, fatherhood, and identity.

On 28 June 2019, Dr Jerry Mofokeng wa Makhetha received an honorary Doctor of Letters (DLitt) degree from the University of the Free State (UFS) for his commitment to scholarship and his service to humanity.

Dr Makhetha is an iconic and award-winning South African actor who has appeared in several critically acclaimed films, including *Cry, the Beloved Country*; *Lord of War*; *Mandela and de Klerk*; and the 2005 Academy Award-winning film *Tsotsi*. Dr Mofokeng studied at Wits Drama School where he initially majored in Acting, and later went on to study at Columbia University in America, where he obtained his master's degree in Theatre Directing.

About the book:

Dr Jerry Mofokeng wa Makhetha always felt like an outsider in his family. At the age of 58, he discovers who his real father is. Suddenly his search for identity makes sense. He gives us a glimpse into his family life – his love for his wife and kids, as well as tracing the highlights and disappointments of his career. Along the way, he learns some very important lessons about manhood. This is a memoir, but also a challenge to South African men to live out their masculinity in a responsible way.