

RAVAN WORKER SERIES: The Sun Shall Rise for the Workers (Ilanga Lizophumelo Abasebenzi).

I tell this story to remind you of your life.
I tell this story so you will remember your struggle and the story of the struggle we fight.

Mandlenkosi Makhoba

The first book in the RAVAN WORKER SERIES, will be launched at the FOSATU Education Workshop on 14 July and is published jointly with FOSATU, to which the author's union is affiliated.

Mandlenkosi Makhoba is a metal worker on the East Rand where he has worked for twenty years. He told this story to a friend who recorded it on a tape recorder and then wrote it down. After many months the story was completed and put into this book.

"Ilanga" tells how Mandlenkosi joined the Metal and Allied Workers Union and the struggles metal workers fought in the hostels and factories on the East Rand. It is only a small part of the story of the struggle of workers in South Africa today. We hope this first publication in the Worker Series will encourage other workers to send us their stories which will be published, if accepted, jointly with their union.

This series is to make available stories by workers, for workers, to give the workers' point of view. While we intend distributing the books as widely as possible we hope that all unions will assist in distributing them to their members.

As from July 1984 "Ilanga" will be available in bookshops at R2.95 per copy or can be ordered from Ravan Press, P O Box 31134, Braamfontein, 2017, at R1.50.