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Dear Year 5s at River Mead School,

Many thanks for sending me your dramatic sequels to *Journey to Jo'burg*. I've enjoyed reading them!

I am glad that you joined brave Naledi and Tiro on their journey and that you wanted to imagine what happened next. My own sequel *Chain of Fire* is still available as an e-book but you can also read about other young people who are caught up in apartheid in my short story collection *Out of Bounds*. Each young person faces a different challenge at a different point in time...like Rosa in 'The Playground'. She is the first black girl to enrol at an all-white school after Nelson Mandela's government changed the laws. Some of the parents want the head teacher to block her. I made a play out of this story which you can read about on my website.

I am sending you a poem from my poetry alphabet book about South Africa. I hope you like. It's really about children everywhere.

Go well and I hope you continue to 'read the world'!

Beverley Naidoo



F is for Faces - ancestors from many places

with stories to share of one human race.

Let all our children be laughing and peaceful,
and understand the wisest saying of our rainbow nation,

People are people through other people!

From *S is for South Africa* by Beverley Naidoo with photos by Prodeepta Das (Frances Lincoln).

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