The socio-economic transformation of South Africa is necessary for the consolidation of its democracy. This can only be fully realised when poor people’s voices are heard in the corridors of power.

*Voices of Protest* documents the first post-apartheid initiatives of poor people to mobilise and organise themselves. It analyses social struggles and movements in a variety of arenas. The book illuminates their demands, leadership and membership, organisational structure, and most importantly, their politics. It also assesses the collective effect of South Africa’s social movements on the country’s democracy and its socio-economic system. This is a compelling book for anyone interested in understanding contemporary South Africa and its future.

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