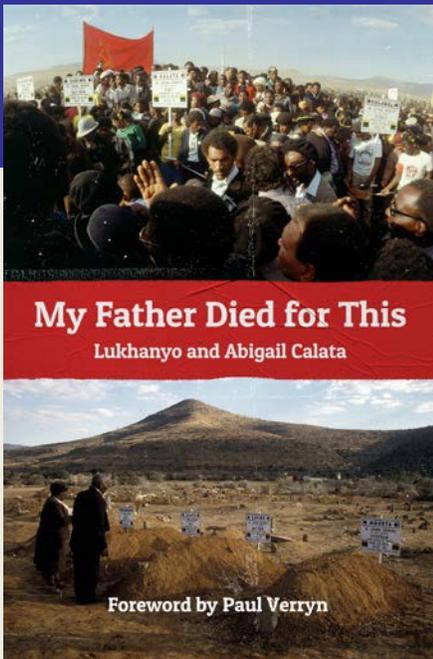


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# My Father Died for This

## Lukhanyo and Abigail Calata



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### DESCRIPTION

When the Cradock Four's Fort Calata was murdered by agents of the apartheid state in 1985, his son Lukhanyo was only three years old. Thirty-one years later Lukhanyo, now a journalist, becomes one of the SABC Eight when he defies Hlaudi Motsoeneng's reign of censorship at the public broadcaster by writing an open letter that declares: my father didn't die for this.

With his wife Abigail, Lukhanyo brings to life the father he never knew and investigates the mystery that surrounds his death despite two high-profile inquests. Join them in a poignant and inspiring journey into the history of a remarkable family that traces the struggle against apartheid beginning with Fort's grandfather, treason trialist and ANC Secretary-General Rev James Calata.

'An unflinching personal account of an apartheid tragedy, written with wisdom, warmth and clarity.' – *Ray Hartley*

'Fort Calata's struggles are transposed into the contemporary challenges of managing freedom and democracy through the microcosm of the heroism demanded of today's generation... A brilliant and emotion-filled read.' – *Mathatha Tsedu*

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