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Mr Mthobi Mutloatse


Dear Mr Mutloatse

I am delighted to inform you that the Council of the English Academy has voted to award you the English Academy Medal. This gold medal recognizes sustained, distinguished contributions to English.

The Academy particularly wishes to recognize the range and impact of your contribution. Your work over a long period in literature, journalism and publishing is infused with a strong and penetrating sense of context and of history. We acknowledge your outstanding contribution to Southern African literature through Skotaville Publishers, which you founded and which provided a publishing avenue for aspirant writers and academics during the time of government literary censorship. Skotaville's books continue to be important for scholarship, and you have been generous in nurturing the next generation of writers. Your seminal anthology, *Forced Landing: Africa South Contemporary Writing* (1980), banned by the apartheid government upon publication, remains a brilliant contribution to South Africa's black cultural history.

Warm congratulations on this award. I hope to be able to present it to you in person on a suitable occasion later this year.

Yours sincerely


Prof. R. P. Chetty

(Prof) Rajendra Chetty
President