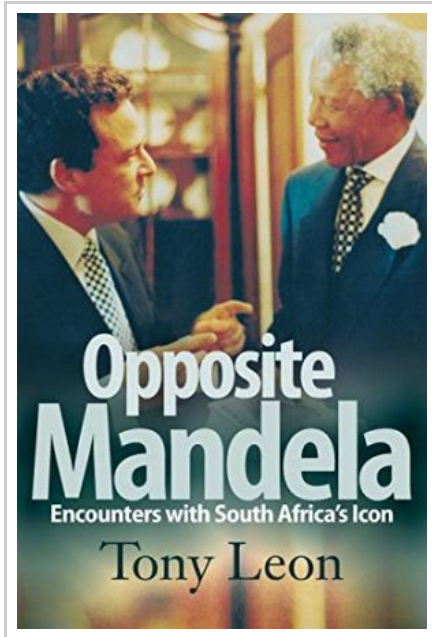




Opposite Mandela: Encounters with South Africa's Icon (Paperback)

By Tony Leon

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