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Dr Barry Gilder has been a Jacana author since 2010. We have published his three books: *Songs and Secrets: South Africa from Liberation to Governance* (2012), *The List: A Novel* (2018), and his brilliant latest novel *At Fire Hour*, released in September 2023.

Dr Gilder has always produced near-immaculate manuscripts, needing no development editing and relatively little copyediting. He has also been meticulous, thorough, and punctual in attending to the final proofs of his works and is an experienced proofreader.

While Dr Gilder served as Director Operations at the Mapungubwe Institute (MISTRA) in the mid-2010s, he was responsible for commissioning Jacana Media to handle the design, printing and distribution of the institute's books and other publications. This enhanced Dr Gilder's understanding of the publishing industry and its processes.

Dr Gilder recently retired from government service and began freelancing as an editor and proofreader. He has already completed one excellent reader's report for us, is currently working on a peer review of a new manuscript, and we will shortly be assigning editing work to him.

We highly recommend Dr Gilder as a talented author, highly competent editor and proofreader, and will certainly be making more use of him as he enters his freelance career.

Yours sincerely,

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