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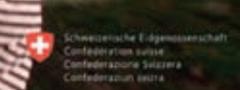
RETABILE  
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# COMING OF AGE

A FILM BY TEBOHO EDKINS

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## Coming of Age

Original Title *Coming of Age* Director *Teboho Edkins* Production *STEPS* Format *Made for Cinema/TV*  
 Runtime *63 min* Category *Documentary* Language *Sesotho, English* Subtitled Versions *English, German*  
 Country *South Africa, Germany* Year *2015* Genre *Human Interest, People & Society, Culture, Africa, Youth*

### Synopsis

»*Coming of Age*« is a film that follows teenagers over two years as they grow up deep in the southern African mountain kingdom of Lesotho. Lefa sees her world fall apart when her best friend Senate leaves the village and must decide whether to stay or leave in search of a better education. Retabile takes care of the family's livestock up in a remote cattle post, helped by his younger brother Mosaku, who watches as he goes through a rite of passage that marks his transition into manhood. The summer of youth is quickly over, doors into adulthood open and close.

**»In front of the discreet lens of the director these relationships develop through a fascinating aura of absolute honesty and the harshness of the environment is evoked through highly touching scenes. A film of rare delicacy.«**

*Jury statement for the »Golden Gentian for Best Film« award Trento Film Festival*

### Director's Bio

*Teboho Edkins was born in the USA in 1980 and grew up mainly in Lesotho, South Africa but also in Germany. He studied Fine Art at the University of Cape Town, followed by a 2-year post-graduate residency at Le Fresnoy Studio National des Arts Contemporains in France and then a post-graduate film directing programme at the German Film and Television Academy Berlin (dffb). He lives and works in Berlin.*

### Festivals & Awards



- »Int. Competition« *FIDADOC, Morocco (2015)*
- *Beijing Independent Film Festival, China (2015)*
- *Encounters Documentary Film Festival, South Africa (2015)*