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# **Andries Gerhardus Visser**

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# Andries Gerhardus Visser(1 March 1878 - 10 June 1929)

Andries Gerhardus Visser was a well-known early Afrikaans poet. He was popularly known as the "Singer of the Suikerbosrand".

## **Biography**

Visser was born on the farm Zaaifontein in the Fraserburg district of South Africa. An intense drought drove his parents from their farm in Carnarvon and he was born in a tent in the farmyard, under the shadow of a pear tree. He attended school in Daljosafat at the same time as two other notable writers, [<a href=](#)

## **Literary career**

Visser was already published at eighteen in *Ons Kleintji*. His work is not regarded as part of the Eerste Taalbeweging, rather as the part of the poetry from the period until 1930. He twice won the prestigious Hertzog Prize for literature, for both his first and second anthologies. His verse is notably simple and musical, making use of traditional verse forms such as the rondeel, intertextual references and techniques such as the switching of idioms, epigrams and spellings.

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