



Jacana Media Catalogue

Fiction, Poetry
and Literary Criticism



THE MOURNING BIRD

MUBANGA KALIMAMUKWENTO

When Chimuka and Ali find themselves orphaned in the 1990s, it's clear that their seemingly ordinary Zambian family is brimming with secrets. Faced with the difficult choice of living with their abusive extended family or slithering into the dark underbelly of Lusaka's streets, Chimuka and Ali escape and become street kids. Against the backdrop of a failed military coup, election riots and a declining economy, Chimuka and Ali are raised by drugs, crime and police brutality. *The Mourning Bird* is not just Chimuka's story; it's a national portrait of Zambia in an era of strife.

978-1-4314-2902-8 | Trade Paperback | World Rights | 235x155mm | 200pp | June 2019

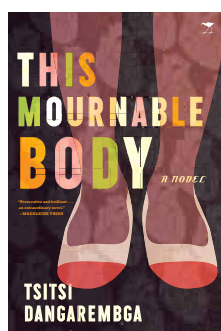


A TREE FOR THE BIRDS

VERNON R. L. HEAD

In this novel of profound beauty we venture deep into the mysterious world of the Congo River and meet Chrisnelt, a young Congolese boy who grows into manhood shaped by the vast leaves held in the branches of tropical forests. Set in the heart of Africa, this powerful story at the edge of damnation offers a reflection of all of us through the eyes of a birdwatcher who sees wings fly like escaping leaves on streams of eternal water and air for all.

978-1-4314-2565-5 | Hardcover | World Rights | 205x130mm | 280pp | August 2018



THIS MOURNABLE BODY

TSITSI DANGAREMBGA

In *This Mournable Body*, Dangarembga returns to the protagonist of her acclaimed first novel, *Nervous Conditions*, to examine how the hope and potential of a young girl and a fledgling nation can sour over time and become a struggle for survival. As a last resort, Tambudzai takes an ecotourism job that forces her to return to her parents' impoverished homestead. This homecoming culminates in an act of betrayal, revealing just how toxic the combination of colonialism and capitalism can be.

978-1-4314-2830-4 | Trade Paperback | Southern African Rights | 235x155mm
296pp | November 2018



THE SOL PLAATJE EUROPEAN UNION POETRY ANTHOLOGY VOL. VIII

VARIOUS

Now in its 8th year, the Sol Plaatje European Union Poetry Award has been the launching pad for upcoming poets. From slam poetry to formal rhyme, the anthology is a celebration of language and cultural diversity. Assembled by a brilliant team of judges, from a blind selection, this year's compilation contains the best poems from 500 entries, including 10 of the 11 South African languages.

978-1-928420-21-7 | Paperback | World Rights | 190x135mm | 248pp | September 2018



REDEMPTION SONGS AND OTHER STORIES

The Caine Prize for African Writing 2018

VARIOUS

This year's collection brings together the 2018 shortlisted stories: 'American Dream' by Nonyelum Ekwempu (Nigeria), 'The Armed Letter Writers' by Olofunke Ogundimu (Nigeria), 'Fanta Blackcurrant' by Makena Onjerika (Kenya), 'Involution' by Stacy Hardy (South Africa), 'Wednesday's Story' by Wole Talabi (Nigeria). It also includes 12 stories written at the Caine Prize Writers' Workshop.

978-1-4314-2758-1 | Paperback | Southern African Rights (from New Internationalist)
190x130mm | 272pp | September 2018

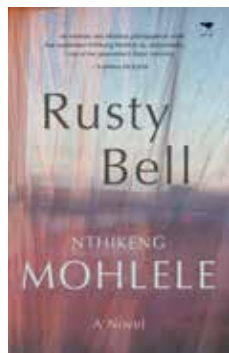


THE LIST

BARRY GILDER

Rumours have abounded since the early days of South African democracy of a list given to Nelson Mandela and the TRC by old apartheid securocrats of their agents infiltrated into the upper echelons of the ANC during the struggle years. *The List* tells the story of a group of veterans who form a highly secret task team to investigate the possibility of such remnants of apartheid security threatening to obstruct the radical changes the newly elected president is planning.

978-1-4314-2667-6 | Paperback | World Rights | 200x130mm | 256pp | September 2018



RUSTY BELL

NTHIKENG MOHLELE

“I wrestled with life and lost.” So begins the story of Michael, a corporate lawyer known to his colleagues and associates as Sir Marvin, who picks his way through the unfathomable intricacies that make up a life: love and anger, humility and ambition, trust and distrust, selfishness and selflessness. In this study in introspection, embroidered with lyrical prose and astonishing intuition, the hero, meditative and melancholic, is at once both tragic and comic.

978-1-4314-2664-5 | Paperback | World Rights | 212x136mm | 192pp | June 2018

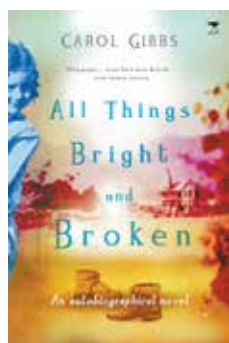


SMALL THINGS

NTHIKENG MOHLELE

In this haunting tale of love and learning, the existential chaos of a life ravaged by circumstance takes on a rhythm of its own, one bound by loss and loneliness, but also an intelligent awareness of self. Sometimes melancholy, sometimes brutal, occasionally funny and infuriating, a journalist-comrade-lover caught up in the shade and shadow of politics and social injustice faces treachery and betrayal on every level. There is a distinct musicality to the lyrical unpacking that follows a string of small things ...

978-1-4314-2663-8 | Paperback | World Rights | 212x136mm | 160pp | May 2018



ALL THINGS BRIGHT AND BROKEN

An Autobiographical Novel

CAROL GIBBS

1940s, South Africa. In this poignant capturing of a confused childhood, seen through the eyes of the youngest daughter, Colleen, we listen spellbound as the family lurches from Lansdowne to Parow to Crawford, Cape Town. Pitch perfect, this lyrical evocation of a battered family will resonate with anyone whose childhood had cracks where the pain crept in. Heartbreakingly honest, heart-warmingly written, *All Things Bright and Broken* is universal in its appeal and uplifting in the hope it offers.

978-1-4314-2640-9 | Trade Paperback | World Rights | 235x155mm | 336pp | June 2018



WHEN MORNING COMES

ARUSHI RAINA

Written from the points of view of four young people living in Johannesburg and its black township Soweto – Zanele, a black female student organiser, Mina, of South Asian background working at her father's shop, Jack, an Oxford-bound white student, and Thabo, a tsotsi – this book explores the roots of the Soweto Uprising and the edifice of apartheid in a South Africa about to explode.

978-1-4314-0713-2 | Paperback | South African Rights | 210x148mm | 210pp | April 2018



NEW TIMES

REHANA ROSSOUW

Ali Adams is a political reporter in Parliament. As Mandela begins his second year as president, she discovers that his party is veering off the path and drafting a new economic policy that makes no provision for the poor. Aaliyah Adams lives with her devout Muslim family in Bo-Kaap. Ali/Aaliya is trapped with her family and friends in a tangle of razor-wire politics and culture. Can she break free? Told with Rehana's trademark verve, you will weep with Aaliya, triumph with Ali, and fall in love with the assemblage that makes up this ravishing new novel.

978-1-4314-2580-8 | Trade Paperback | World Rights | 235x155mm | 320pp | October 2017



FEATHERINGS

True Stories in Search of Birds

EDITED BY VERNON R.L. HEAD

If the bird writings of Levaillant turned a generation of young European readers into ornithologists, this remarkable collection of birding curiosities written by some of our most intrepid bird observers will convert a new generation of South African readers. Birds and their names sing from the pages.W

978-1-4314-2579-2 | Hardcover | World Rights | 215x144mm | 192pp | October 2017

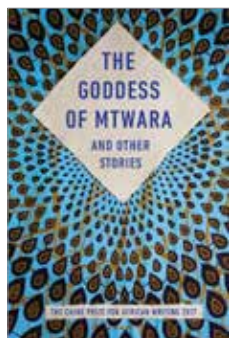


THE SOL PLAATJE EUROPEAN UNION POETRY ANTHOLOGY VOL VII

VARIOUS

The seventh volume in this series is a truly democratic as well as creative effort, in keeping with the spirit of the legendary intellectual giant, Sol Plaatje: activist, linguist, translator, novelist, journalist and leader. The poems offer readers sensibilities, observations and responses to the complex, nuanced and uncomfortable realities of life in our country – past, present and future.

978-1-4314-2594-5 | Paperback | World Rights | 190x135mm | 264pp | October 2017



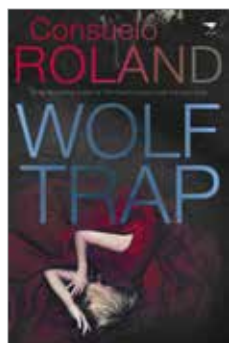
THE GODDESS OF MTWARA AND OTHER STORIES

The Caine Prize for African Writing 2017

VARIOUS

The Caine Prize for African Writing is an annual literary award for the best original short story by an African writer published in the English language. The prize has shone a light on writing from the continent with some of its best writers going home with what has become a coveted prize.

978-1-4314-2556-3 | Paperback | Southern African Rights (from New Internationalist)
190x130mm | 272pp | October 2017



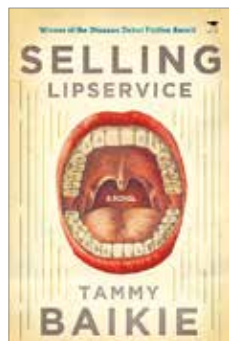
WOLF TRAP

The Limbo Trilogy | Book II

CONSUELO ROLAND

To save her daughter – and herself – Paola must face her every fear, her every mistake, and the past she thought she'd left behind. In *Wolf Trap*, book II of *The Limbo Trilogy*, Paola Dante is trying her best to juggle her job and parenting a teen. Now, an unlikely and ill-equipped mother, she is all that stands between her adopted daughter Simone and the criminal kingpin who wants the teenage girl for his own ends and has set the wolves on her.

978-1-4314-2566-2 | Trade Paperback | World Rights | 235x155mm | 364pp | September 2017



SELLING LIPSERVICE

TAMMY BAIKIE

Since coming of haemorrhage, Frith must wear a LipService patch to write or speak. The words the patch produces are not her own. Scripted by copywriters, they promote one brand or another. With them, 'You' – a voice in her head that is the patch's brand persona – appears. Through the noise of You talking a variety of different LipService brands, Frith struggles to find her way back to speaking for herself. She believes her tastes – her ability to taste things she touches – are the key. But other elements of this consumerist society are equally interested in tastes for commercial gain.

978-1-4314-2479-5 | Trade Paperback | Non-exclusive World rights | 235x155mm | 184pp | 2017



SHADOW PLAY

GERALD KRAAK

Posthumously completed and edited by Alison Lowry

Shadow Play is a powerful novel of subterfuge, betrayal, risk and deep bonds of friendship formed during a time of struggle and pain while a new nation, determined to rise, faces seemingly insurmountable obstacles.

978-1-4314-2479-5 | Trade Paperback | Non-exclusive World rights | 235x155mm | 260pp | 2017



SIBANDA AND THE BLACK SPARROWHAWK

CM ELLIOT

When a skinned body is discovered on the side of the railway line deep in the Matabele bush, Detective Inspector Jabulani Sibanda, along with his sidekicks, are back on the trail of a murderer. As more girls go missing and more bones are discovered, Sibanda realises they are dealing with a vicious serial killer. Suspects abound, but the warped psychopath is elusive. Has Sibanda met his match?

978-1-4314-0263-2 | Trade Paperback | World rights (excl. Australia) | 235x155mm | 240pp | 2017



THE DAILY ASSORTMENT OF ASTONISHING THINGS

And Other Stories

THE CAINE PRIZE FOR AFRICAN WRITING 2016

The Caine Prize for African Writing is Africa's leading literary prize, and is awarded to a short story by an African writer published in English, whether residing in Africa or elsewhere. This collection brings together the five 2016 shortlisted stories, along with stories written at the Caine Prize Writers' Workshop, which took place in April 2016.

978-1-4314-2435-1 | Paperback | Southern African Rights | 190x130mm | 240pp | 2016



HAMBA SUGAR DADDY

NAPE 'A MOTANA

Meet Rolivhowa Ramabulana, a grade 12 pupil whose financial difficulties are exploited and influenced by Kedibone Mahlope into being a sugar baby. Rolivhowa's whole life changes after meeting Bigvy Masemola, the sugar daddy; she no longer eats the same food as other financially challenged students and is now able to afford expensive clothing and carry the latest phone. Bigvy has introduced her to a new lifestyle but at what cost?

978-1-4314-2422-1 | Trade Paperback | World Rights | 235x155mm | 240pp | 2016



IN THE MAID'S ROOM

HAGEN ENGLER

Disco Dave is a South African hipster on the Port Elizabeth social scene, such as it is. Hard-up for bucks, he moves into the maid's room on his property and rents out the main house. Sizwe arrives and swiftly sets about taking over Disco's life. He impregnates his ex-girlfriend Jazz, founds a rival scene magazine and slides into a job Disco had his eye on. *In the Maid's Room* is a scruffy, hilarious, outrageous shambles of an episodic novel, about the surfer and stoner culture of the Bay, but also about the slow ignominious death of white entitlement.

978-1-4314-2376-7 | Trade Paperback | World Rights | 235x155mm | 220pp | 2016



PERMANENT REMOVAL

ALAN S COWELL

Permanent Removal is a beautifully written political thriller focusing on the nature of justice, truth, betrayal, socio-political and ethical quandaries, complicity and moral agency. The novel introduces readers to a cast of players whose destinies intertwine in a particularly gruesome murder. The novel is set in apartheid South Africa and fictionalises the events leading up to the assassination of the Cradock Four.

978-1-4314-2343-9 | Trade Paperback | World Rights | 235x155mm | 252pp | 2016

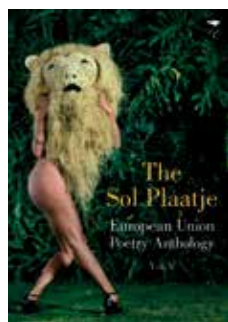


WHAT WILL PEOPLE SAY?

REHANA ROSSOUW

Rehana Rossouw's unique voice gives life and drama to this family saga of the Fourie family, residents of Hanover Park in the Cape Flats during the height of the struggle era. A rich variety of township characters – the preachers, the teachers, the gangsters and the defeated – come to life in vivid language as they eke out their lives in the shadows of grey concrete blocks of flats. Which members of the Fourie family will thrive, which ones will not survive?

978-1-4314-2024-7 | Trade Paperback | World Rights | 235x155mm | 340pp | 2015

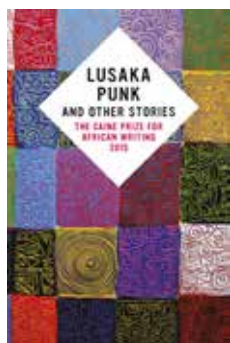


THE SOL PLAATJE EUROPEAN UNION POETRY ANTHOLOGY VOL V

SELECTED BY JOHANN DE LANGE, GOODENOUGH MASEGO AND JOAN METELERKAMP

This fifth annual is a compendium of the poems long-listed for the 2015 Sol Plaatje EU Poetry Award. The anthology seeks to publish voices in as many difference languages as possible, and be one of the spaces in which these tongues are given equal space and respect, in keeping with the spirit of the legendary intellectual giant, Sol Plaatje.

978-1-4314-2025-4 | Paperback | World Rights | 190x135mm | 248pp | 2015



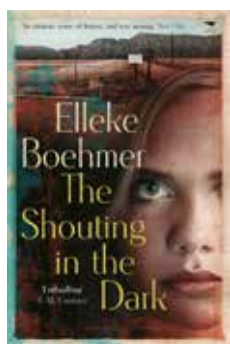
LUSAKA PUNK

And Other Stories

THE CAINE PRIZE FOR AFRICAN WRITING 2015

Zambian writer, Namwali Serpell, has won the 2015 Caine Prize for African Writing, one of the most prestigious literary awards for young writers from the continent. She is the first Zambian to win the prize.

978-1-4314-2262-3 | Paperback | Southern African Rights | 190x130mm | 224pp | 2015

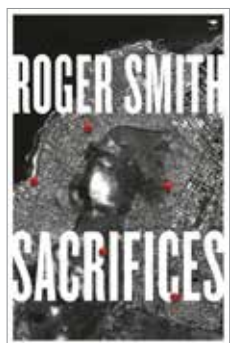


THE SHOUTING IN THE DARK

ELLEKE BOEHMER

Late at night Ella watches her elderly father on the veranda, raging at the African sky. Caught between her mother's mysterious grief and her father's shattering wartime experiences, Ella fights hard to make it through her childhood in one piece. Her one enchantment is her forbidden love for the teenage gardener, Phineas. Years later, Ella discovers her father never registered her birth. Now she must confront her father's ghosts, and create a new future for herself.

978-1-4314-2233-3 | Trade Paperback
South African Rights (from Sandstone Press, UK) | 235x155mm | 325pp | 2015

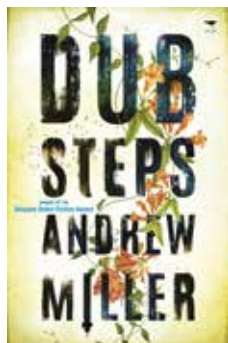


SACRIFICES

ROGER SMITH

Wealth insulates Michael Lane and his family from South Africa's violent crime epidemic until trouble comes from within the high walls of their Cape Town mansion one night when his teenage son commits an act of unspeakable savagery. Lane, joining his wife in a desperate lie to protect their boy – a lie involving the sacrifice of an innocent – encounters no opposition from cops and courts burdened by chaos and corruption, but he sets in motion a bloody train of revenge and retribution that threatens to destroy him and everything he loves.

Available as an ebook | Trade Paperback | South African Rights
(from Sara Menguc Literary Agent) | 235x155mm | 280pp | 2015



DUB STEPS

ANDREW MILLER

Dub Steps has a strange long aftertaste. It is science fiction with ordinary characters trying to understand what it is to be alive. People have gone, suddenly, inexplicably, and the remaining handful have to find each other and start again. In that new beginning they wrestle with identity, race, sex, art, religion and time, in a remarkably realistic, step-by-step way. Nature comes back, Johannesburg becomes wonderfully overgrown, and the small group of survivors have to find ways of living with their own flaws and the flaws of each other.

978-1-4314-2220-3 | Trade Paperback | World Rights | 235x155mm | 376pp | 2015

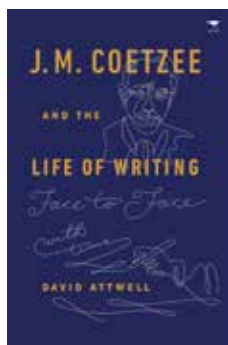


SIBANDA AND THE DEATH'S HEAD MOTH

C.M. ELLIOT

Detective Inspector Jabulani Sibanda is back! In this second installment, he is once again accompanied by his trusty sidekicks, Sergeant Ncube and the infamous Miss Daisy. In *Sibanda and the Death's Head Moth*, Sibanda is short on clues, but, with his uncanny intuition, a fragment of material found in the brain of one victim, a puncture wound in the thigh of another and a diary full of coded names, he starts to build a case.

978-1-4314-2148-0 | Trade Paperback | World Rights | 235x155mm | 256pp | 2015



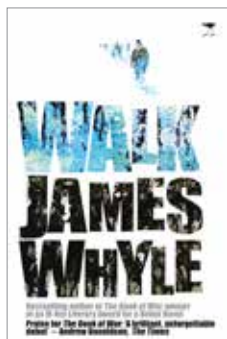
J.M. COETZEE AND A LIFE IN WRITING

Face to Face with Time

DAVID ATWELL

David Attwell illuminates the extraordinary creative processes behind Coetzee's novels from *Dusklands* to *The Childhood of Jesus*. Using Coetzee's manuscripts, notebooks and research papers – recently deposited at the Ransom Center of the University of Texas at Austin – Attwell produces a fascinating story of the creative trajectory and the life out of which the fiction was engendered.

978-1-4314-2153-4 | Trade Paperback | Southern African Rights (from Uitgeverij Cossee)
235x155mm | 288pp | 2015

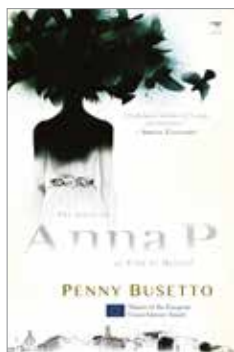


WALK

JAMES WHYLE

The true and epic story of a boy's survival in the face of impossible odds. *Walk* tells the story of a deadly scramble down the wild coastline of what would become present-day South Africa and should be required reading for anyone interested in the early history of this complex nation and impeccably crafted literary fiction alike.

978-1-4314-0920-4 | Paperback | World Rights | 212x136mm | 112pp | 2014



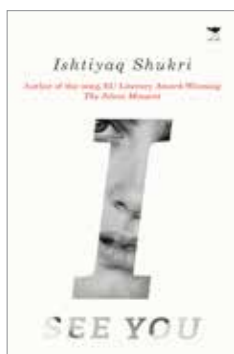
THE STORY OF ANNA P, AS TOLD BY HERSELF

PENNY BUSETTO

The Story of Anna P, as Told by Herself is a sparse disturbing novel reflecting the past, present and future of a woman, Anna P, who lives on an island off the coast of Italy but can no longer remember how she got there. She comes from South Africa but has almost no memories of the place or people there.

EU LITERARY AWARD

978-1-4314-1016-3 | Trade Paperback | World Rights | 235x155mm | 224pp | 2014

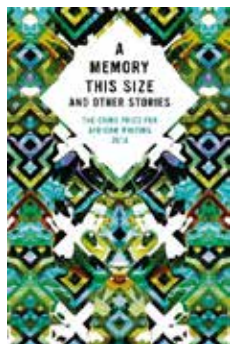


I SEE YOU

ISHTIYAQ SHUKRI

Leila Mashal, a medical doctor trained at Wits, has taken up politics. Her platform is a single issue: freedom. In declaring her candidacy, she wishes to make public her belief that 'while South Africans hold the vote, they don't hold the power'.

Print on demand | 978-1-4314-0875-7 | Paperback | World Rights | 212x136mm | 216pp | 2014



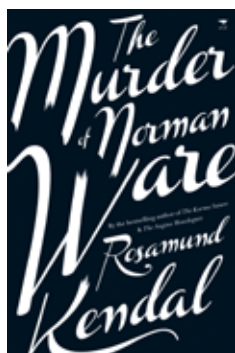
A MEMORY THIS SIZE AND OTHER STORIES

The Caine Prize for African Writing 2013

VARIOUS

These 17 stories show yet again the richness and range of current writing on the continent. They underline the primacy of the short story, with its oral antecedents, at the very heart of African literature.

Print on demand | 978-1-4314-0838-2 | Paperback | Southern African
Rights | 190x130mm | 224pp | 2013



THE MURDER OF NORMAN WARE

ROSAMUND KENDAL

The Murder of Norman Ware is an essentially South African novel, twisted around the outrageous inequalities that exist in this socially, economically and culturally diverse country. It plays with the ideas of fate and of action and consequence. It's clever. It's macabre. And it's very, very black.

Print on demand | 978-1-4314-0444-5 | Trade Paperback | World Rights | 235x155mm
232pp | 2013

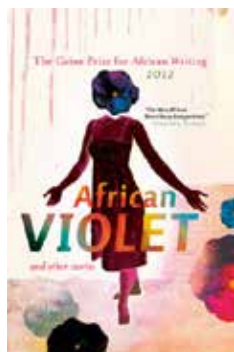


RUMOURS

MONGANE WALLY SEROTE

He has lost his job and his wife, and he has become more and more reliant on the solace of alcohol. After hitting rock bottom, Keke is thrust into a spiritual journey. He meets Ami, a shaman from Mali, and travels there, where he is 'cooked' and cleansed in a 'meeting' with his ancestors. Only when he is healed, and understands his role in the context of a post-apartheid South Africa, can Keke make a careful comeback to his country to re-join his wife and comrades.

978-1-4314-0530-5 | Trade Paperback | World Rights | 235x155mm | 288pp | 2013



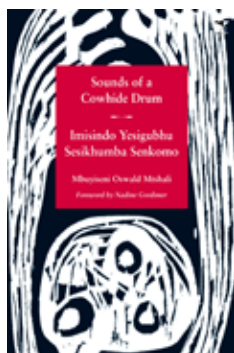
AFRICAN VIOLET AND OTHER STORIES

The Caine Prize for African Writing 2012

VARIOUS

Nigeria's Rotimi Babatunde has won the 2012 Caine Prize for African Writing, described as Africa's leading literary award, for his short story entitled 'Bombay's Republic' from *Mirabilia Review* Vol. 3.9 (Lagos, 2011)

978-1-4314-0492-6 | Paperback | Southern African Rights | 190x130mm | 224pp | 2012



SOUNDS OF A COWHIDE DRUM/ IMISINDO ISIGUBHU SESIKHUMBA SENKOMO

MBUYISENI OSWALD MTSHALI

Originally published in 1971 by Lionel Abrahams' Renoster Books, it quickly became a classic but has been unavailable for many years. The new edition carries a simultaneous isiZulu translation of the poems, and a new foreword by Nadine Gordimer.

978-1-4314-0441-4 | Paperback | World Rights | 190x135mm | 200pp | 2012

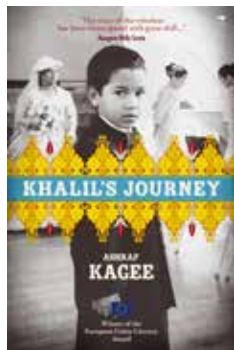


THE SOL PLAATJE EUROPEAN UNION POETRY ANTHOLOGY VOL II

VARIOUS

Poetry lovers – those who enjoy reading it and those who are compelled to write it – will find in this collection a truly splendid experience of the country's soul. So much of the ineffable human spirit and experience that usually remains untold is gently lifted above the surface with care, attention and honesty. Here, for the reader who must yet write of his or her own intimate recovery and sacred journey, are guideposts on the way.

978-1-4314-0538-1 | Paperback | World Rights | 190x135mm | 172pp | 2012



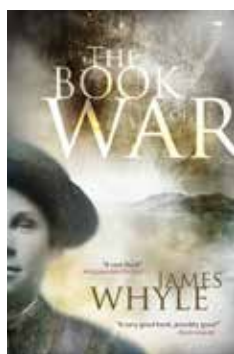
KHALIL'S JOURNEY

ASHRAF KAGEE

Ashraf Kagee, winner of the seventh annual European Union Literary Award, evokes the richly-textured beauty of everyday life of the last century's Cape Malay and Indian cultures, and deftly captures the lyrical resonance of voices long forgotten by history.

EU LITERARY AWARD

978-1-4314-0362-2 | Paperback | World Rights | 212x136mm | 244pp | 2012



THE BOOK OF WAR

JAMES WHYLE

James Whyte takes on the war genre with an eloquent narrative and a command of language and style that captures the fragility and bleakness of the time. There is no doubt that Whyte is a masterful storyteller. An illiterate European child is stranded on the southern tip of Africa. The British and the Xhosa have been spilling each other's blood for eighty years and the kid signs up for the conflict in the hope of steady meals and a few shillings a month.

978-1-4314-0347-9 | Paperback | World Rights | 212x136mm | 280pp | 2012



LADY LIMBO

CONSUELO ROLAND

From the acclaimed author of *The Good Cemetery Guide* comes a new dark and twisted tale steeped in sexual intrigue and pulsing with the dangers of the online world. A fast-paced thriller that shifts between Cape Town and Paris, blending realism with the fantastic and pitting love against the attraction of sexual adventure. Big, juicy and compulsively readable, this is the quintessential book-club and holiday read.

978-1-4314-0508-4 | Trade Paperback | World Rights | 235x155mm | 456pp | 2012



TO SEE THE MOUNTAIN

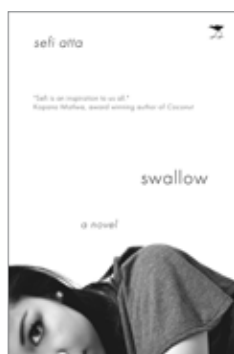
And Other Stories

THE CAINE PRIZE FOR AFRICAN WRITING 2011

A gang of young children from a camp pay a marauding visit to a rich neighbourhood ... Will the murder of her daughter shake the foundations of Molly's world? ... The death of the village Lothario causes a sexual revolution as husbands try to figure out what he had been giving their wives ... A girl abducted by a rebel group years before comes home to pick up the threads of her life ...

CAINE PRIZE 2011

978-1-4314-0204-5 | Paperback | Southern African Rights | 190x130mm | 216pp | 2011



SWALLOW

SEFI ATTA

In the 1980s in Lagos, the government's War Against Indiscipline and its accompanying austerity measures are in full swing. A succession of unfortunate events leads Tolani, a bank secretary, to be persuaded by her roommate Rose to consider drug trafficking as a way to make a living. Tolani's subsequent struggle with temptation forces her to reconsider her morality – and that of her mother Arike's – as she embarks on a turbulent journey of self-discovery.

978-1-4314-0078-2 | Paperback

Southern African Rights (from Interlink Publishing, USA) | 205x135mm | 296pp | 2011



AFRICAN DELIGHTS

SIPHIWO MAHALA

African Delights is a unique literary journey through some critical moments in South African history. The journey begins in Sophiatown of the 1950s, one of the most definitive periods in South African urban culture. This part of the book is in dialogue and also pays tribute to Can Themba, once described by Lewis Nkosi as "the supreme intellectual tsotsi of them all".

978-1-4314-0251-9 | Paperback | World Rights (excl. Nigeria to Bookcraft) | 212x136mm | 248pp | 2011



PLANET SAVAGE

TUELO GABONEWE

Planet Savage is a story narrated by Leungo, a nine-year-old with a very interesting outlook on life; he views his parents as good-for-nothing savages who care only for themselves; who drink themselves silly with friends who come round every day, leaving any concern for his education by the wayside.

Print on demand | 978-1-77009-751-3 | Paperback | World Rights | 212x136mm | 168pp | 2011



JOONIE

RAYDA JACOBS

Prize winning author Rayda Jacobs has created the character of a lifetime in her heart warming yet tough-as-nails story of Joonie from Grassy Park. Joonie – her father named her Junaid, a warrior – has her wits about her and sometimes that's all. In all her travels and travails, in South Africa, America and back again, Joonie's indomitable spirit will touch you, time and again.

978-1-4314-0099-7 | Paperback | World Rights | 212x136mm | 256pp | 2011



THE SOL PLAATJE EUROPEAN UNION POETRY ANTHOLOGY VOL I

VARIOUS

This sparkling array of contributions from poets around the country will resonate with those who live in this country and those who love it from afar. The forefather inspiring this award and anthology, Sol Plaatje, observed the Boer War, translated Shakespeare, reflected on "Native Life" and played with proverbs. Wicked and beautiful as ever, so the poems in this anthology bring the depth and breadth of life in South Africa to a wider audience.

978-1-4314-0275-5 | Paperback | World Rights | 190x135mm | 148pp | 2011



FREEDOM NEVER RESTS

JAMES KILGORE

Freedom Never Rests is the much-awaited second novel from James Kilgore. It is an extraordinary novel which portrays the historical roots of the service delivery revolts that have swept South Africa in recent years.

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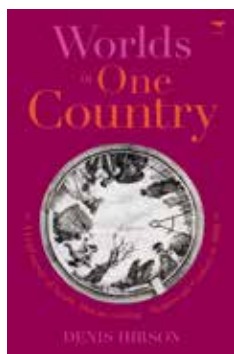


CRUEL CRAZY BEAUTIFUL WORLD

TROY BLACKLAWS

South Africa, 2004; Jerusalem (half Muslim, half Jew) is a young student with poetic leanings. Zero, his buccaneering father, will no longer fund his ephemeral lifestyle. So he is sent away from the city to Hermanus to learn to stand on his own two feet by selling ethnic curios to tourists. During his forced exile he takes on a Tanzanian refugee boy as his fellow trader and falls for the beautiful yet elusive Lotte.

Print on demand | 978-1-4314-0250-2 | Paperback | Southern African Rights (from Blake Friedmann)
212x136mm | 224pp | 2011



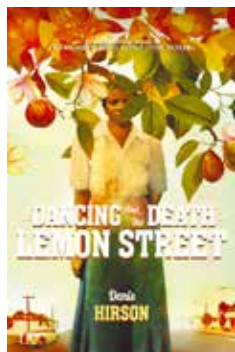
WORLDS IN ONE COUNTRY

*A Brief Survey of South African Writing -
Nineteenth Century to 1994*

DENIS HIRSION

Worlds in One Country is a compact, inclusive history of writing in South Africa from the nineteenth century to 1994 that crosses boundaries of language and colour, including prose, poetry and theatre. It is an accessible story rather than a theoretical analysis, relating the evolution of writing to the history of the country.

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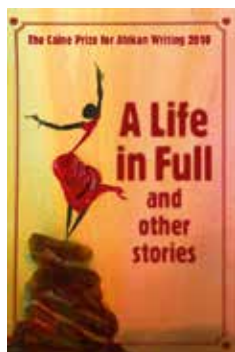


THE DANCING AND THE DEATH ON LEMON STREET

DENIS HIRSON

Lemon Street runs down-slope through a leafy, peaceful suburb of Johannesburg. It is early 1960. One resident of the street, a young widow, believes she has finally met the new man of her life. In a narrow room at the back of the garden, her maid impatiently awaits the arrival of her lover. Across the street, while his parents engage in yet another heated argument, a schoolboy dreams of a girl.

978-1-77009-876-3 | Paperback | Southern African Rights (from Blake Friedmann)
212x136mm | 276pp | 2011



A LIFE IN FULL

And Other Stories

THE CAINE PRIZE FOR AFRICAN WRITING 2010

A nightmare vision of life inside a security fence ... A group of priests facing their faith amid civil war ... A white girl discovering the secrets of the African world around her ... Desperate romance against the backdrop of a tyrannous forced marriage ... Warrior ethics among boys who live on a rubbish dump ...

CAINE PRIZE 2010

978-1-77009-899-2 | Paperback | Southern African Rights | 190x130mm | 224pp | 2010



AFRICAN COOKBOY

DAVID DINWOODIE IRVING

In this dazzling first novel from 2009 EU Award-shortlisted author, David Dinwoodie Irving, we meet Dhlamini "Shatterproof" Bhekuzulu, a wily tsotsi geeza if there ever was one. The intricate networks of township crime are slowly unravelled as Shatterproof gives apartheid-era authority the finger and merrily exploits any loophole that catches his eye. A far cry from the usual predictable story of wretched tsotsi life, Shatterproof's criminal endeavours are both devious and delightful.

978-1-77009-869-5 | Paperback | World Rights | 212x136mm | 419pp | 2010

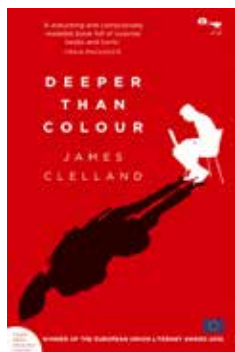


SHARMILLA, AND OTHER PORTRAITS

ELLEKE BOEHMER

Sharmilla and Other Portraits offers a dynamic series of insights into a South Africa in edgy transition. Its vivid and varied narratives follow a range of displaced children, mothers, and domestic workers, a stadium manager, an AIDS patient and an office secretary, as they look in on the new and changing situation. In *Sharmilla and Other Portraits* the internationally celebrated writer Elleke Boehmer distils a compelling cycle of radiant snapshots detailing lived lives and their interwoven and secret undercurrents.

Print on demand | 978-1-77009-810-7 | Paperback | World Rights | 212x136mm | 184pp | 2010



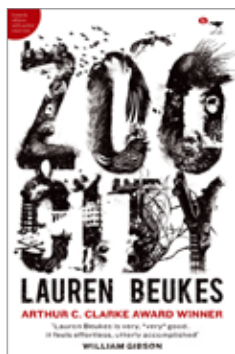
DEEPER THAN COLOUR

JAMES CLELLAND

Thematically, *Deeper than Colour* explores the wide gulf between our view of ourselves, how we are seen by others, and the dispassionate images seen through the cold lens of a camera. Angus has been traumatised by his time on the Border and now begins to film himself doing ordinary things, to try to understand his life. It is impossible, he says, for an abnormal person to have a normal life in an abnormal city like Johannesburg.

EU LITERARY AWARD

978-1-77009-925-8 | Paperback | World Rights | 212x136mm | 200pp | 2010

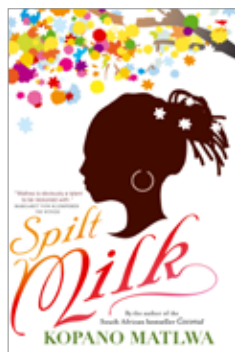


ZOO CITY

LAUREN BEUKES

Zoo City is the intoxicating second novel from the author of the critically acclaimed *Moxyland*. Set in a wildly re-imagined Johannesburg, it swirls refugees, crime, the music industry, African magic and the nature of sin together into a heady brew. It's a riveting contemporary muti noir with echoes of China Miéville and Philip Pullman.

978-1-77009-818-3 | Paperback | Southern African Rights | 212x136mm | 344pp | 2010



SPILT MILK

KOPANO MATLWA

Spilt Milk is the story of two passionate people who share a shameful past and a tenuous present. Decades after a childhood love affair earns upright school principal Mohumagadi and disgraced preacher Father Bill expulsion from their communities, the two characters are brought back together under the most unlikely of circumstances.

978-1-77009-791-9 | Paperback | World Rights (excl. Netherlands – Ailantus and Sweden–Tranan)
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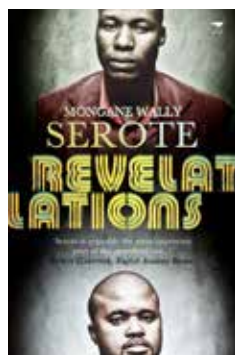


THE ANGINA MONOLOGUES

ROSAMUND KENDAL

The Angina Monologues three female medical interns from vastly different backgrounds are sent to a rural KZN hospital where gang assassinations and rogue snakes are facts of life and AIDS simply does not exist. Pampered, spoilt Rachel struggles to establish her independence and learns to love across the cultural divide. Conservative, beautiful Seema struggles to end a relationship that has become increasingly abusive. And street-savvy Nomsa finally learns to accept a past she has spent a lifetime denying.

978-1-77009-812-1 | Paperback | World Rights | 212x136mm | 320pp | 2010

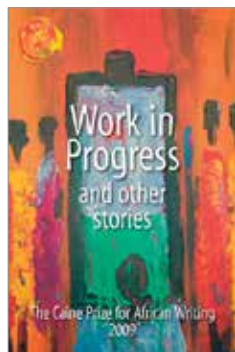


REVELATIONS

MONGANE WALLY SEROTE

Mongane Wally Serote's novel, *Revelations*, is a narrative journey undertaken by artists and modern-day warriors, who, after the liberation of South Africa, try to understand what was fought for, and why. A South African dance troupe in Chile brings back stories of that country's trials and tribulations and a parallel is drawn with our own struggle to reconcile and to make peace when the time for war is over.

978-1-77009-808-4 | Paperback | World Rights | 212x136mm | 256pp | 2010



WORK IN PROGRESS

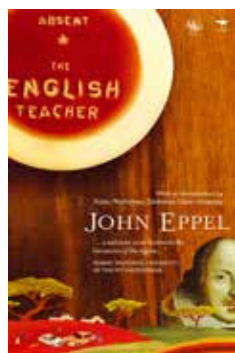
And Other Stories

VARIOUS

Now in its 10th year, the Caine Prize presents another unmissable opportunity to tune in to what is going on in African fiction. It brings together the shortlist for the 2009 award as well as stories written at the Caine Prize writers' workshop held near Accra, Ghana – in all, 16 short stories that make up some of the best new writing from across the continent.

CAINE PRIZE 2009

978-1-77009-750-6 | Paperback | Southern African Rights | 212x136mm | 176pp | 2009



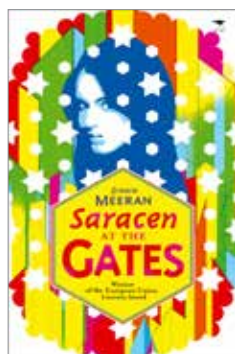
ABSENT

The English Teacher

JOHN EPPEL

When Mr George loses his job teaching English at a private secondary school in Bulawayo, 'his pension payout, after forty years of full-time service, bought him two jam doughnuts and a soft tomato.' When he backs his uninsured white Ford Escort into a brand new Mercedes Benz, the out-of-court settlement sees him giving up his house to the complainant, Beauticious Njamayakanuna, and becoming her domestic servant.

978-1-77009-711-7 | Paperback | South African Rights (Weaver Press, Zimbabwe)
210x135mm | 160pp | 2009



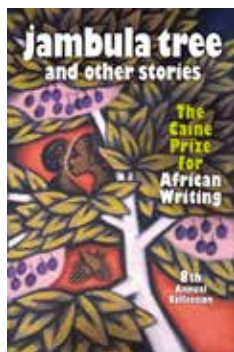
SARACEN AT THE GATES

ZINAID MEERAN

Saracen at the Gates is a wildly revolutionary tale that is as raucously hilarious as it is bitterly sad, with a satirical edge that finds easy comparison with books like *White Teeth*, *The Ground Beneath her Feet* and *Gravity's Rainbow*. In this, his first novel, Zinaid Meeran explores the fluid and fragmented nature of identity, and searches for the liberation of the individual from the tyranny of what he calls "groupthink".

EU LITERARY AWARD

978-1-77009-770-4 | Paperback | World Rights | 212x136mm | 368pp | 2009



JAMBULA TREE

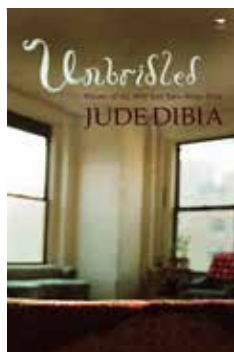
And Other Stories

THE CAINE PRIZE FOR AFRICAN WRITING 2007

This is the Caine prize for African Writing's 8th annual collection. The Caine Prize for African Writing is Africa's leading literary prize and is awarded to a short story by an African writer published in English, whether in Africa or elsewhere. Each year the winning story and short-listed entries are collected and published in one volume.

CAINE PRIZE 2008

978-1-77009-574-8 | Paperback | Southern African Rights | 210x142mm | 232pp | 2008



UNBRIDLED

JUDE DIBIA

Based in Nigeria and the United Kingdom, Unbridled chronicles the story of a young woman, Ngozi, who suffers various aspects of abuse from her family. Ngozi Akachi is a somewhat regular village girl of exquisite beauty, light-skinned and haunted by the strange storm that ravages her village on the night of her birth – a story her mother tells her repeatedly. She is sent to Lagos to live with an uncle after her innocence is snatched away from her by a member of her family.

Print on demand | 978-1-77009-526-7 | Paperback | World Rights | 212x136mm | 248pp | 2008



TILL WE CAN KEEP AN ANIMAL

MEGAN VOYSEY-BRAIG

Till We Can Keep an Animal is about a middle-aged woman who was attacked, raped and murdered in her home by armed robbers. Voysey-Braig says, "I keep her alive so that her story continues. I invite her family members, those who are alive and dead, to tell their stories through her. She is the main protagonist and the narrator."

EU LITERARY AWARD

978-1-77009-639-4 | Paperback | World Rights | 210x136mm | 240pp | 2008



MOXYLAND

LAUREN BEUKES

Art-school dropout Kendra brands herself for a nanotech marketing program; Lerato, an ambitious Aids baby, plots to defect from her corporate employers; Tendeka, a hot-headed activist, is becoming increasingly rabid; and rogueish blogger, Toby, discovers that the video games he plays for cash are much more – the narrators of *Moxyland* are on a collision course that will rewire their lives and the future of Cape Town.

978-1-4314-0186-4 | Paperback | Southern African Rights | 212x136mm | 320pp | 2008

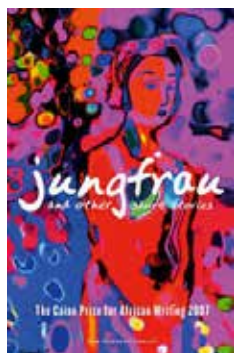


THE KARMA SUTURE

ROSAMUND KENDAL

Sue Carey is a driven, twenty-something doctor struggling to preserve her sanity, sobriety and humanity in the corridors of one of Cape Town's biggest public hospitals. Finding imaginative ways of saving patients is her life's work. Finding a man who wants more than a one-night stand would be nice as well. Sue's journey of self-discovery is both harrowing and hilarious. *The Karma Suture* visits the bedsides of the patients who make her weep and the men who make her weak.

978-1-77009-543-4 | Paperback | World Rights | 212x136mm | 296pp | 2008



JUNGFRAU

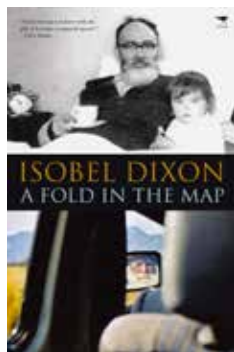
And Other Stories

THE CAINE PRIZE FOR AFRICAN WRITING 2007

The Caine Prize for African Writing is named in memory of the late Sir Michael Caine, former Chairman of Booker plc. He was Chairman of Africa 95, and Chairman of the Booker Prize management committee for almost 25 years.

CAINE PRIZE 2007

978-1-77009-367-6 | Paperback | Southern African Rights | 210x148mm | 216pp | 2007

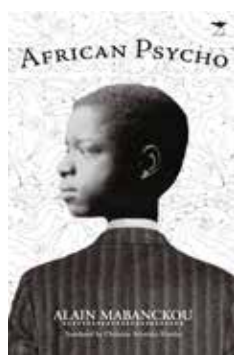


A FOLD IN THE MAP

ISOBEL DIXON

A Fold in the Map charts two very different voyages: a tracing of the dislocations of leaving one's native country, and a searching exploration of grief at a father's final painful journey. In the first part of the collection, Plenty – “before the fold” – the poems deal with family, and longing for home from a new country, with all the ambiguity and doubleness this perspective entails.

Print on demand | 978-1-77009-528-1 | Paperback | South African Rights | 210x135mm | 88pp | 2007

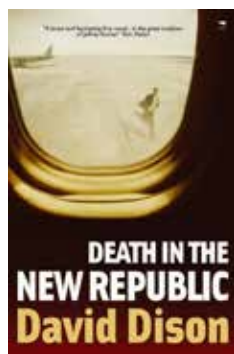


AFRICAN PSYCHO

ALAIN MABANCKOU

African Psycho is the English debut novel of a remarkable new African writer, Alain Mabanckou. Originally published in French, the novel follows a neurotic would-be serial killer, Gregoire Nakobomayo, as he plans a litany of incompetent criminal acts to culminate in the murder of his girlfriend. The reader is subjected to the relentless dance of Gregoire's thoughts, as the novel explores what it is that makes a man kill.

978-1-77009-377-5 | Trade Paperback | South African Rights (from Soft Skull Press, UK)
235x155mm | 176pp | 2007

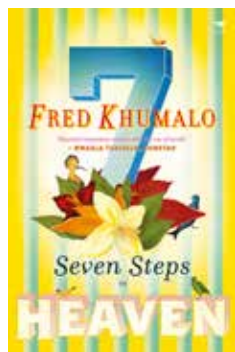


DEATH IN THE NEW REPUBLIC

DAVID DISON

Meet Jerome Michael Nossel. Known as Nossel to many, and as Comrade Golfer to those who know his history. Gutsy, passionate, vulnerable, smart – and in trouble. Nossel is adrift in the New Republic of self-enrichment and sordid power games, cut loose and betrayed by the very ones he helped bring to power. Then he stumbles upon a murder, and his obsessive mind and big heart won't let him walk away from the desire to find the truth. About murder, about power, about Nossel.

Print on demand | 978-1-77009-374-4 | Trade Paperback | World Rights | 235x155mm | 200pp | 2007



SEVEN STEPS TO HEAVEN

FRED KHUMALO

In the award-winning *Bitches' Brew*, Sis Lettie sometimes shocked, infuriated and, most importantly, entertained readers. In this new book, *Seven Steps to Heaven*, this streetwise philosopher of the shebeens and entrepreneur par excellence takes the back seat as her son Kokoroshe, street urchin turned lawyer, takes centre stage. This is a multilayered family saga, a riveting tale of love, betrayal, and a search for identity – sexual and otherwise.

978-1-77009-387-4 | Trade Paperback | World Rights | 235x155mm | 216pp | 2007

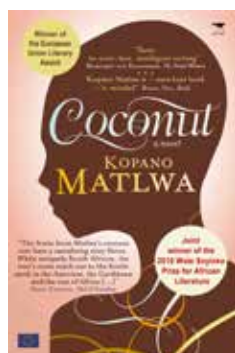


BEGINNINGS OF A DREAM

ZACHARIAH RAPOLA

Zachariah Rapola takes the reader into a phantasmagoric world where streets are paved with human remains and men are apocalyptically condemned to death by the fire of their loins. And yet, despite recurrent nightmares, the world is also home to calligraphers who continue to record dreams that encompass the past, present, and future in a sort of Borgesian circularity.

978-1-77009-210-5 | Paperback | World Rights | 190x135mm | 276pp | 2007



COCONUT

KOPANO MATLWA

An exciting young voice has emerged that reflects the idiosyncratic nature of our young democracy. *Coconut* is a story that deals with growing up as a black child in a white world. It is the story of black youth who grow up in white neighbourhoods, go to private schools and have white friends. Fitting in, however, comes at the cost of one's blackness – too white for black, and too black for white.

EU LITERARY AWARD

978-1-77009-336-2 | Paperback

World Rights (excl. Sweden – Trana; France – Actes Sud and Italy – Edizioni Sonda)

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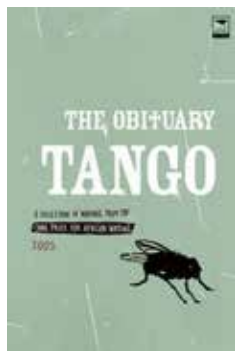


GARDENING IN THE DARK

DENIS HIRSON

Gardening in the Dark begins by evoking a childhood in South Africa under apartheid; it ends with the author as a father evoking his own children and life in France. It is a book which shifts from mourning to love, from poems which are essentially narrative to lyrical prose. *Gardening in the Dark*, like Denis Hirson's previous work, essentially sets before us the rich and strange, emotion-filled harvest of memory.

Print on demand | 978-1-77009-384-3 | Paperback | Southern African Rights | 216x140mm | 68pp | 2007



THE OBITUARY TANGO

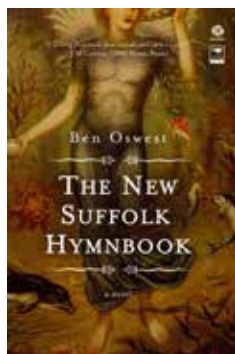
And Other Stories

THE CAINE PRIZE FOR AFRICAN WRITING 2005

The Obituary Tango, is an anthology of short stories from around Africa, which were submitted to the 2005 Caine Prize for African Writing. The winner of the 2005 Caine Prize, Monday Morning was written by Nigerian S.A. Afolabi.

CAINE PRIZE 2005

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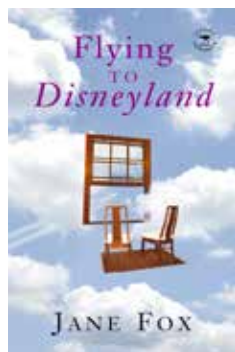


THE NEW SUFFOLK HYMNBOOK

BEN OSWEST

A professor contemplates the ruin of his life while delivering a passionate final lecture; a city girl suffers an unaccountably cruel twist of fate in a stranger's apartment; a rising executive flies blindly toward his past; and, darkly fleeting, a young boy haunts the lives of all who cross his path. In *The New Suffolk Hymnbook*, it is the district of Suffolk that binds them together – a place so carefully and imaginatively constructed that it evokes the novels of William Faulkner.

Print on demand | 978-1-77009-213-6 | Trade Paperback | World Rights | 235x155mm | 232pp | 2006



FLYING TO DISNEYLAND

JANE FOX

Fat and over forty, Ethne is not happy. In a flat above, thin and over forty, Derek is frightened. Mortimer comes into their lives with panache and pathos, and spins fantasies for them through which they discover surprising strengths within themselves.

978-1-77009-034-7 | Paperback | World Rights | 178x110mm | 256pp | 2006

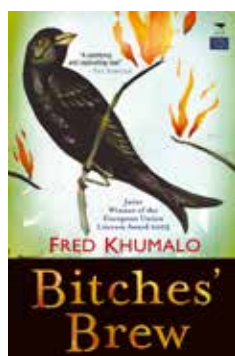


HOW WE BURIED PUSO

MORABO MOROJELE

Returning home to bury his brother after seven years abroad, the narrator recalls their life with a grandmother and with an adopted sister and stuttering friend, comes to escape the predatory history of a particular corner of Africa. *How We Buried Puso* is an invocation for connection, for the reconstruction of societies, for faith in family and community and for the spiritual odyssey, however conjured up.

978-1-77009-098-9 | Trade Paperback | World Rights | 235x155mm | 326pp | 2006



BITCHES' BREW

FRED KHUMALO

Interweaving history and memories in the tradition of village storytellers, *Bitches' Brew* delves into the physical and emotional turbulence that characterise the lives and affairs of Bra Zakes and Lettie as they relive the stories and experiences of their lives to reveal character, conflict, principle and, of course, love.

EU LITERARY AWARD

978-1-77009-190-0 | Trade Paperback | World Rights | 235x155mm | 328pp | 2006



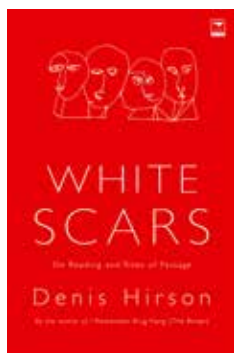
ICE IN THE LUNGS

GERALD KRAAK

Ice in the Lungs scrutinises moral quandaries in apartheid South Africa in a dazzling array of meticulous detail and hidden truths complicated by corrupt politics and thus challenging the inviolable truisms of heroic struggle.

EU LITERARY AWARD

978-1-77009-228-0 | Trade Paperback | World Rights | 235x155mm | 328pp | 2006



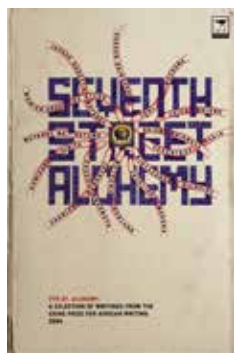
WHITE SCARS

On Reading Rites of Passage

DENIS HIRSON

A new book by South African author Denis Hirson, White Scars focuses on four books which Hirson himself read obsessively in different phases of his life – both as a youth in South Africa and during his decades in Paris, where he still lives.

978-1-77009-256-3 | Trade Paperback | Southern African Rights | 235x155mm | 200pp | 2006



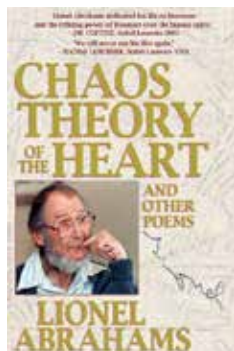
SEVENTH STREET ALCHEMY

THE CAINE PRIZE FOR AFRICAN WRITING 2005

This is the fifth anthology of Caine Prize shortlisted stories, and the third to include the proceedings of a Caine Prize African Writers' Workshop. Out of the twelve countries represented on the five shortlists to date, three have been North African, three East African, three West African and three from southern Africa. So the prize has a truly pan-African reach. It is widely referred to now as "the African Booker" and "Africa's leading literary award".

CAINE PRIZE 2005

Print on demand | 978-1-77009-145-0 | Paperback | Southern African Rights | 210x148mm | 228pp | 2005



CHOAS THEORY OF THE HEART

And Other Poems

LIONEL ABRAHAMAS

In the kaleidoscope that is Lionel Abrahams, we find poet and wit, lover and critic, a voice speaking to us – especially to poets – with an inspirational clarity. As a challenging writer and editor of literary magazines during South Africa's greatest turmoil, his legacy is immense. His poetry goes beyond the personal and straight to the heart of what it is to be a writer in chaotic times.

Print on demand | 978-1-77009-097-2 | Paperback | World Rights | 190x135mm | 120pp | 2005



THE SILENT MINARET

ISHTIYAQ SHUKRI

London, the summer of 2003. Issa Shamsuddin, a South African Muslim student living in Finsbury Park, vanishes without a trace. Did Issa decide to disappear, or was he 'disappeared'? Why? Issa's friend Katinka, his adopted brother Kagiso, mother Dr Vasinthe Kumar and London neighbour Frances reconstruct their memories of the missing man, looking for clues in the past that might explain the riddle of the present.

EU LITERARY AWARD

Print on demand | 978-1-77009-249-5 | Trade Paperback | World Rights (excl. Sweden) | 235x155mm | 248pp | 2005



WE WALK STRAIGHT SO YOU BETTER GET OUT THE WAY

DENIS HIRSON

I remember shaving off my beard in the bathroom on the eve of the camp, with Mahalia Jackson singing rousing spirituals from the living room. Afterwards my chin was strangely smooth, and seemed to have shrunk.

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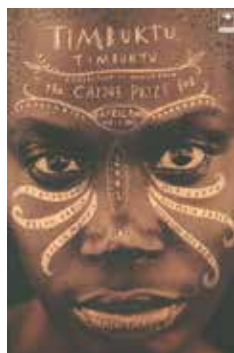
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