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Forthcoming and Recent Titles 2020/2021

Three Who Live in Cages
by Nerina Ishmael

Kaylynn, Bertha, Janice, Leanne and Raquel are all trying to do the best they can in difficult circumstances. Their lives are a tapestry of relationships, friendships, anxiety and grooming, this book connects you to the place and community.

978-1-928-337-00-6 | Softcover | Fiction | 220mm x 150mm | 256pp | R250 | South Africa | Rights: World

By the Feeling Light by Ashraf Kagee

Set in Salt River, in the shadow of the Cloetesville Massacre of 1989, the Feeling Light is a manifest evocation of the lives of three young people, and how they come to confront an awful truth. Ashraf Kagee has written a compelling novel.

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Scatterload by Rebekkah Marantika

Everybody knows that Rebekkah Marantika is the best at Scatterload. Or at least she thinks so. Until Ashley shows up.

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Joburg Noir edited by Mary Mhlongo

In this anthology, the remarkable Mary Mhlongo brings her magic to assemble a cast of characters who live in Joburg. Our will and our fate are in our hands, and we are the sum of our choices. Unfathomable, Fred Khumalo to Gloria Bosman, Joburg will sing like you've never heard it.

978-1-928-424-00-4 | Fiction/Anthology/Short Stories/Popular Culture | Trade Paperback | 220mm x 150mm | 256pp | R250 | South Africa | Rights: World

The Trial of Cecil John Rhodes by Adebayo Adedeje

Set in the last days of an imperial hero who left his mark on Africa, this story revolves around the British South African imperialist, Cecil John Rhodes, who is on his deathbed in Cape Town, South Africa. Accused by Kwame Nkrumah of being the "Hitler of Africa", he is visited by his ghosts, who force him to confront his sins, his colonialism, his failed societies, his writers, his musicians and his contradictions.

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Twenty Years of the Calm Price for African Writing

Jacana is proud to go back to its roots as the founding publisher of the Calm Price for African Writing, the continent's leading writing entries.

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Freedom Politics: Mbeki, Mandela, Fred Gavin and the Great Land Scam by Refiwe Ronnie

This book explores what led Nelson Mandela and Thabo Mbeki to the ANC's Mahlabatini Resolution of 1991 and the Land Scam for the ancestral half of 2021. The exposure evidence goes straight into the character - becoming possibility.

978-1-928-424-00-4 | Current Affairs | Trade Paperback | 220mm x 150mm | 256pp | R250 | South Africa | Rights: World

Recessing Mandela
edited by Colin Bundy and William Barnard

Mandela stood his ground for quite long enough. The legacy of Mandela now seems to polarise South Africans. Ernest Levitsky, Nomboniso Gasa, Nomfundo Xaba, Ivor Chipkin, Ashwin Desai, Kelebogile Kgoa, Barney Pityana, Tshepo Madlingozi, Tiny Gcobo, Colin Bundy and William Beinart contribute to this fascinating collection of essays.

978-1-928-424-00-4 | Politics | Trade Paperback | 220mm x 150mm | 256pp | R300 | Southern African Rights | Exclusion: EBOOK

Recession, Recovery and Reform: South Africa after Covid-19
edited by Raymond Parsons

In new humanist fashion, Professor Jonathan Raymond Parsons brings together an expert team to provide analysis and solutions to the challenges that South Africa faces post-Covid. Contributors include Jacques Malherbe, Ben Berman, Tanya Cohen, Ivan Temple, Ashwin Desai, Ashwin Mahabir, Ernest Levitsky, Nomboniso Gasa, Lumkile Mondlo, Lumkile Mondlo, Lumkile Mondlo, Nkosenathi Ngcobo, Nkosenathi Ngcobo, Nkosenathi Ngcob