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Bones of the Dark Moon : A Contemporary Novel Exploring Bali's 1965 Massacres  
/ Richard E. Lewis

Sanitaksu Editions, Indonesia 2012

456p.; 21cm.

9789791173223

\$ 35.00 / PB

396 gm.

During construction on an idyllic Bali seashore, workers uncover skeletons, victims of brutal mass murder. The discovery sets the village of Batu Gede astir. The life of Made "No!" Ziro, a stalwart member of the community with a little gambling problem, is turned upside down. Could one of those skeletons be that of his schoolmaster father, who disappeared during the massacre of 1965?

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Twilight in Jakarta / Mochtar Lubis ; Tr. Claire Holt

The Lontar Foundation, Indonesia 2014

215p.; 22cm.

9786029144086

\$ 29.50 / PB

276 gm.

Modern Library of Indonesia

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=162956>

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Anxiety Myths : Selected Poems / Afrizal Malna; Tr. Andy Muller

The Lontar Foundation, Indonesia 2013

116p.; 22cm.

9786029144253

\$ 19.95 / PB

158 gm.

Modern Library of Indonesia

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=162959>

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Lies, Loss, And Longing / Putu Oka Sukanta

The Lontar Foundation, Indonesia 2013

101p.; 22cm.

9786029144314

\$ 19.95 / PB

144 gm.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=162960>

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Bali & Oates : An action-comedy-political-satire. Or something / Paul Greenway

JoJo Publishing, Docklands, Victoria 2013  
269p.  
9780987463555  
\$ 29.95 / PB  
330 gm.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=162962>

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Edensor / Andrea Hirata  
PT Bentang Pustaka, Indonesia 2011  
238p.  
9786028811446  
\$ 24.95 / PB  
205 gm.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=162964>

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Rota das Letras = The Script Road 2013 = Macau Literary Festival in the Media /  
PraiaGrande Edicoes, Lda, Macau 2014  
281p.  
9789996595042  
\$ 80.00 / PB  
1710 gm.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=163006>

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Think Twice : Short Stories and Other Writings II : The Script Road : Macau  
Literary Festival /  
PraiaGrande Edicoes, Lda, Macau 2014  
239p.  
9789996595080  
\$ 30.00 / PB  
450 gm.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=163007>

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Par Chemins : A Lire en route / Vaco  
Christian le Comte, Mauritius 2013  
1v.  
9789994930166  
\$ 24.00 / PB  
175 gm.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=162282>

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Fantomes / Aqil Gopee  
L'Atelier d'ecriture, Mauritius 2013  
90p.  
ISSN : 1694-0792  
\$ 15.00 / PB  
110 gm.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=162285>

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Orgasmes / Aqil Gopee  
L'Atelier d'ecriture, Mauritius 2013

74p.  
ISSN: 1694-0792  
\$ 15.00 / PB  
90 gm.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=162286>

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Les Batards de la Republique : L'oeillere de sir Nesbit / Bertrand d'Espaignet  
Bertrand d'Espaignet, Mauritius 2013

435p.  
9789990389227  
\$ 39.50 / PB  
700 gm.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=162288>

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Obstinacy : The Dauntless Chase / Dhishna  
Strategic Book Publishing and Rights Co., Mauritius 2013

43p.  
9781625161598  
\$ 12.95 / PB  
100 gm.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=162290>

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Le Chant de l'aube qui S'eveille / Brigitte Masson  
La Maison des Mecenes, Mauritius 2012

214p.  
9789990336740  
\$ 25.00 / PB  
240 gm.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=162293>

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Souf Tapaz Lavi / Michel Ducasse  
Editions Vilaz Metis, Mauritius 2013

99p.  
9789990395440  
\$ 34.90 / PB  
370 gm.

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Souviens-toi de nous / David Olivier  
David Olivier, Mauritius 2013

113p.  
9789994990184  
\$ 16.95 / PB  
120 gm.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=162296>

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Le Prisonnier Des Reves : Tome III : La Vallee Des Pretres / Amarnath Hosany  
Les Editions Bartholdi, Mauritius 2013

76p.  
9789990386165

\$ 16.95 / PB

115 gm.

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Que la Musique Soit : Zistwar Mizikal = Words of Music /

Immedia, Mauritius 2013

319p.

978999499250

\$ 30.00 / PB

670 gm.

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Collectible Fairytales : Beauty & Purpose : A Collection of Famous Mauritian Fairytales / Karen Alexandre

Karen Alexandre, Mauritius 2013

98p.

9781781321546

\$ 25.00 / PB

165 gm.

14 popular folkloric stories, myths and legends

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=162303>

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The Coral Heart : A Shopkeeper's Journey / Peggy Lampotang

Le Editions Atelier d'écriture, Mauritius 2014

314p.

9789990336924

\$ 35.95 / PB

490 gm.

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La Republique des Batards / Bertrand D'Espaignet

L'Artelier, Mauritius 2014

494p.

9789994910564

\$ 35.00 / PB

830 gm.

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Chant Egare au Crepuscule / Suren Rampersad

Suren Rampersad, Mauritius 2013

89p.

9789990382358

\$ 16.95 / PB

155 gm.

Poemes

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=162308>

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When Solitude Speaks / Vatsala Radhakeesoon

Vatsala Radhakeesoon, Mauritius 2013

88p.

9994900718

\$ 16.95 / PB

150 gm.

Poemes

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=162309>

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Le Neuvieme Passage : Sic Moriuntur Ismailiae / Ashvin Krishna Dwarka

Editions de la Maison Noire, Mauritius 2014

558p.

9789994911295

\$ 39.50 / PB

730 gm.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=162310>

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Ile Maurice Quel Plaisir / Pov

Graphic Press, Mauritius 2014

48p.

9789990389357

\$ 25.00 / PB

245 gm.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=162311>

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Lettres de Mon Moulin / Alphonse Daudet

Editions Le Printemps, Mauritius 2005

272p.

9789994911271

\$ 15.00 / PB

200 gm.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=162312>

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Ensemble, Marchons Vers Domain : Le Civisme Raconte aux Enfants / Brigitte Nicolin

ELP Publications, Mauritius 2013

54p.

9789994911097

\$ 12.00 / PB

100 gm.

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Devil's Harvest / Andrew Brown

Zebra Press, South Africa 2014

288p

9781770227040

\$ 28.60 / HB

After a secret drone strike on a civilian target in South Sudan, RAF air marshal George Bartholomew discovers that a piece of shrapnel traceable back to a British Reaper has been left behind at the scene. He will do anything to get it back, but he is not the only one.

Dissatisfied with his life and ousted from the marital bed, Associate Professor Gabriel Cockburn, an ambitious botanist at Bristol University, sets out to South Sudan in pursuit of a rare plant that is crucial to his research. Once there, he finds himself caught up in the travails of a young Sudanese woman, Alek, who agrees to guide him through dangerous territory to find the plant. But Alek has an agenda of her own.

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The Rise of the Phoenix / Peter Joyce

Zebra Press, South Africa 2014

336p

9781770227132

\$ 32.90 / HB

In this fascinating account of South Africa's post-isolation sporting experiences, author Peter Joyce offsets the triumphs that brought the nation glory when the country was finally reintegrated and welcomed back into the international sporting arena against events that set it apart in the dark days of apartheid.

Covering the feats of our golfing greats, swimming sensations, rugby heroes and cricketing giants, this book also reveals the successes South Africans have achieved in lesser-known sporting codes, such as mountaineering and motocross. Factual yet entertaining, historically accurate yet anecdotal, this is an ideal gift book or collector's item whether you are a sports fan, a history buff or just a proud South African.

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The Griekwastad Murders / Jacques Steenkamp

Zebra Press, South Africa 2014

288p

9781770225480

\$ 27.50 / HB

The full account of the murders that rocked a nation by the journalist who first broke the story ...

Just after dusk on Good Friday, 6 April 2012, the peace and quiet permeating the small Northern Cape town of Griekwastad was disrupted when a young teenage boy sped into town in his father's Isuzu bakkie and screeched to a halt in front of the town's nearly deserted police station.

It was shortly before 19h00 when Don Steenkamp jumped out of the vehicle and ran into the station's charge office, covered in blood, to announce that his parents and sister had been brutally shot and killed on the family farm, Naauwhoek.

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Dark Windows / Louis Greenberg

Umuzi Publishers, South Africa 2014

240p

9781415206874

\$ 27.50 / HB

Johannesburg is becalmed. A wave of New Age belief and an apparent cure for crime have radically altered South Africa's political landscape.

Jay Rowan has been hired to black out the windows of random vacant rooms. He's trying to keep out of trouble, but he's a pawn in political aide Kenneth Lang's project Dark Windows. A mystical charlatan has convinced Lang's boss that she can affect the ultimate transformation with a supernatural visitation, the Arrival, and Lang needs to prepare for its coming. When Jay and his married girlfriend Beth realise that someone has died in every room, political and personal tensions come to a head and Jay, Beth and Lang must confront the past they've been trying to avoid

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An Imperfect Blessing / Nadia Davids

Umuzi Publishers, South Africa 2014

416p

9781415207154

\$ 35.00 / HB

It is 1993. South Africa is on the brink of total transformation and in Walmer Estate, a busy suburb on the slopes of Devil's Peak, fourteen-year-old Alia Dawood is about to undergo a transformation of her own. She watches with fascination and fear as the national drama unfolds, longing to be a part of what she knows to be history in the making. As her revolutionary aspirations strengthen in the months before the elections, her intense, radical Uncle Waleed reappears, forcing her parents and sister Nasreen to confront his subversive and dangerous past.

Nadia David's first novel moves across generations and communities, through the suburbs to the city centre, from the lush gardens of private schools to the dingy bars of Observatory, from landmark mosques and churches to the manic procession of the Cape Carnival, through evictions, rebellions, political assassinations and first loves. The book places one family's story at the heart of a country's rebirth and interrogates issues of faith, race, belonging and freedom.

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Finders Weepers / Penny Lorimer

Umuzi Publishers, South Africa 2014

304p

9781415206829

\$ 27.50 / HB

Broadcast journalist Nix Mniki finds herself, reluctantly, in 'frontier territory' - the rural Eastern Cape - after being persuaded by her formidable mother to search for the daughter of an old friend. Boniswa, the missing woman, is principal of the once-famous Girdwood College, a school almost destroyed by the country's recent history, Boniswa is determined to restore it to its former glory and to enable children from the destitute community surrounding the school to succeed, despite crumbling infrastructure, insufficient resources and inadequate teachers.

Born of Xhosa and German parentage and raised in privileged suburbia, Nix is ignorant of the real impact of the 'education crisis'. She must confront corruption, violence, desperate children and revelations about her own family and identity as she discovers that Boniswa did not disappear voluntarily.

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Sister Moon / Kirsten Miller

Umuzi Publishers, South Africa 2014

240p

9781415207024

\$ 27.50 / HB

'There's no escaping this one,' he says, but not to me. He says it to the ground and the sky and the thin arms of the waiting trees, but not to me.

A film-maker by profession, Catherine has the perfect family: a supportive husband and a bright ten-year-old daughter. But Catherine's beloved father is deteriorating. As he slips away into dementia, so too does a guilty truth they share: they both know what happened to Devin, Catherine's sister, a shadow in a beautiful skin. Catherine's adult success has come at a price. Now she has to come to terms with the silences in her past.

Sister Moon is a story of love and growing up, of exclusion and abuse. Moving, and emotionally charged, Kirsten Miller's second novel renders the insidious consequences of family secrets.

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The Thunder That Roars / Imran Garda

Umuzi Publishers, South Africa 2014

208p

9781415207123

\$ 29.50 / HB

Yusuf Carrim has made it in New York. His tech-savvy coverage of the Arab Spring saw his journalism career skyrocket. But when his wealthy father asks him to help look for Sam, a missing family friend, he must return to South Africa. Yusuf's search takes him to places he could never have imagined. Enlisting the help of an eccentric professor and Sam's exotic uncle, Yusuf discovers facts that undermine a lifetime's assumptions about his own identity – and prompt him to step up the search for Sam before it is too late.

From the suburbs of Johannesburg to the streets of Bulawayo, from Dubai air-port to an immigrant facility on the Mediterranean island of Lampedusa, Yusuf's quest to find Sam turns into an inward journey of his own.

The Thunder That Roars is international journalist Imran Garda's cosmopolitan, fast-paced debut.

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Unimportance / Thando Mgqolozana

Jacana Media, South Africa 2014

146p

9781431409525

\$ 18.75 / HB

I think people who take the awarded status of importance with grace first have to accept that they are important. You have to be very conceited to think that of yourself. If I should accept that I am in some way important, I should also accept that there are others who aren't. How do I live with myself with that sort of rubbish in my head? Do you know what I wish for? "What?" "To be good and unimportant." There was silence. "So I have made my decision. I am going home. By the end of today I will be free and unimportant." In 12 hours, your life could change forever, as Zizi discovers. On the night preceding his Student Representative Council presidential manifesto, and not for the first time, Zizi physically abuses his cheating girlfriend, Pamodi. But Pamodi flees. During a night that turns out to be the longest in Zizi's memory, instead of writing the manifesto speech, the reader follows the anxiety-stricken politician in his race against time and cover of the night, as he searches the campus for his missing girlfriend. While Zizi is haunted by the fear that Pamodi might expose him for what he really is, forever damaging his pristine image as the favourite presidential candidate, Pamodi evades detection, and is nowhere to be found. In the morning, the speech he delivers is not anything anyone could have expected from an SRC star: it is a litany of confessions for his questionable integrity and violence. As Zizi's words fade, and a sense of shock lingers in the air, he is faced with the reality of his actions; as they realise that they may vote a highly flawed man into office, how will these students vote? What will it mean, either way?

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The Story of Anna P, as Told by Herself / Penny Busetto

Jacana Media, South Africa 2014

155p

9781431410163

\$ 27.80 / HB

The story of Anna P 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. The only person she has any relationship with is a sex worker whom she pays by the hour. She has abusive encounters with unknown men - and it is not clear whether she occasionally kills these men or not. It is only when she begins to connect emotionally with a young boy in her accidental care that she finds some value in herself, some place which she will not allow to be abused, and her life gradually change. This meticulously crafted debut asks a number of difficult questions about the nature of memory: Who are we if we lose our memories? What does it mean to have no identity? And if we have no identity, no sense of ourselves, how can we make any ethical choices? The answers may not comfort the reader, but The story of Anna P, as told by herself grounds such existential ponderings in a rich imaginative landscape that will linger with the reader long after the last page is read.

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The Unsaid / Richard de Nooy

Jacana Media, South Africa 2014

192p

9781431409167

\$ 27.50 / HB

Newshound J.R. Deo has spent his life pursuing tragedy to the darkest corners of the globe, reporting on places like the Killing fields and the Middle East. He has not emerged unscathed from this quest: he has a history of violent outbursts, and following a savage attack on fellow journalists in a bar, Deo's mental state and criminal accountability for the attack are assessed at the Institute for forensic observation in the Netherlands. Here, he goes from observer to observed. The calm in his cell is initially ideal for taking stock of horrors past and present. But gradually, sinister figures take control of his pen and begin dictating their confessions through his writing. Meanwhile, his fellow inmates at the Institute also become increasingly restless. The violent, paranoid men he is among begin to wonder what exactly Deo is reporting on, and more importantly, to whom. The unsaid is the last in the trilogy that began with De Nooy's acclaimed novel Six fang marks & a tetanus shot (2008), followed up by The big stick (2011). The series can be read separately and in any order. All three were first published in Dutch.

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Behind Palace Walls: Life in the Service of a Saudi Princess / Cay Garcia

Tafelberg Publishers, South Africa 2014

238p

9780624066033

\$ 27.50 / HB

Cay Garcia was given only a few hours to pack up her belongings, say goodbye to dear friends and leave Riyadh for good.

She had dared confront a young Saudi princess - her employer - about her ruthless and cruel treatment of staff, particularly Filipino women.

Cay reveals the inner workings of a holy city for which no tourist visa exists. She shares the intrigues of the expat community and exposes the nasty underbelly of the extravagant lives of Saudi Arabian royalty

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Brigadier en die raaiselponie / Marga Jonker

Tafelberg Publishers, South Africa 2014

144p

9780624068303

\$ 17.95 / HB

The story about a girl and her horse is set in the Harkerville Forest not too far from Plettenberg Bay, where Zahn and her sister are on holiday with their father and his considerably younger girlfriend. Zahn's horse, Brigadier, has come along for the week in the cottage, specifically chosen for its stables and facilities for horses. On their second day Zahn meets two local boys who invite her to go riding in the dense forest. But from early morning Zahn has felt Brigadier's unease. Is it just because he misses the wide open spaces around Melkbosstrand, or should Zahn have paid closer attention to Sibella's warnings about night spirits?

It is a holiday during which secrets will be revealed, mysteries solved and a family's differences will come to the fore.

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Stippellyn / Erika Murray-Theron

Tafelberg Publishers, South Africa 2014

264p

9780624067771

\$ 30.00 / HB

Lana is a nurse at a clinic for frail elderly people. After one of the men in her care passes away, she meets his wife; shortly thereafter also his son, who has travelled from London for the funeral. She recognises him immediately: it is Conrad, the man with whom she had a brief affair a decade ago. What is more, Conrad asks her to accompany his mother on a visit to his sister. Without being able to understand the reasons for her decision, Lana agrees, and the two women set off on their journey to the south. . .

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The Road of Excess / Ingrid Gerda Winterbach

NB Publishers, South Africa 2014

320p

9780798156264

\$ 32.00 / HB

Die benederyk, the Afrikaans edition of this novel, was awarded the M-Net Prize in 2011. The novel has been translated into English by award-winning author and translator, Leon de Kock.

This is the story of two brothers – Aaron and Stefaans Adendorff – the one an artist, the other an ex-addict. When Aaron's gallery owner, Knuvelder, lets him down, Bubbles Bothma, neighbour and friend extraordinaire, suggests various outrageous solutions. And, throughout, Stefaans reports on his time wandering in the dark world of substance abuse, and his quest to establish the descent of their elusive third grandfather... Apocalyptic and burlesque – vintage Winterbach.

"... one of the truly great novels in Afrikaans."  
Thys Human, Litnet

"The highlight of Ingrid Winterbach's oeuvre and a novel that one intuitively recognises as a classic."

Willie Burger, Die Burger

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Shadow Self / Paula Marais

NB Publishers, South Africa 2014

347p

9780798165457

\$ 30.00 / HB

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London – Cape Town – Joburg / Zukiswa wanner

Kwela Books, South Africa 2014

224p

97807957036301

\$ 25.00 / HB

Set in three cities at three very different moments in our recent history, London - Cape Town - Joburg is the story not just of Germaine, Michael and their son Zuko, but of all of us who witnessed the South African miracle and came to believe in the dream of Mandela's rainbow nation.

When their teenage son takes his own life, Germaine and Michael's marriage is forced under the microscope

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The Chicken Thief / The Chicken Thief

The Penguin Group (SA), South Africa 2014

9780143538554

\$ 31.50 / HB

Alois is The Chicken Thief, a bright young man struggling to find his way in a southern African country wracked by political unrest and a crumbling economy. Through a chance encounter, Alois is set to make some fast money. But the enterprise goes horribly wrong, and he finds himself in a complicated and perilous struggle to rescue a war hero and transform the political landscape. Though an unlikely hero, Alois discovers, in this charming and fast-paced adventure, that both dreams and justice are within his grasp.

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Bomskok / Tinus Horn

The Penguin Group (SA), South Africa 2014

172p

978-0-14-353848-6

\$ 28.60 / HB

1989. In Johannesburg blaker 'n growwe en rowwe klein koerantjie, Vryheid op Vrydag, week na week op sy voorblad die verhaal uit van die bloedige einde van apartheid. Stories wat die regering van FW de Klerk tot elke prys stil wil hou. En die manne van Sektor C, 'n geheime polisieaakmag, is op hulle spoor. Die redakteur wag in spanning op die groot storie - die Groot Storie - wat die regering tot 'n val gaan bring. Maar oorvloedige seks en geweld kom alewig in die pad, soos hulle gewoonte mos is. Bomskok is 'n tragiese rillerkomedie, 'n moordstorie en 'n kroegstorie. En alles behalwe 'n ware storie.

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Half of One Thing / Zirk van den Berg

The Penguin Group (SA), South Africa 2014

9780143538622

\$ 28.60 / HB

Gideon Lancaster, a New Zealand soldier fighting for the British, infiltrates a Boer commando. He soon finds himself entangled in a confusion of loyalties as he becomes better acquainted with the men and, worse, falls in love with Esther Calitz, a Boer woman of considerable mettle who demands his loyalty over every other allegiance. Between Esther and Commandant Jacob Eksteen, his taciturn rival in love and a man of clear black-and-white convictions, Lancaster navigates his way only with great difficulty. So powerful are the conflicting demands of fidelity and love that he seizes a quixotic opportunity when a large British battalion is mobilised in what is to be the final triumph of the imperial forces.

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King / Gareth Crocker  
The Penguin Group (SA), South Africa 2013

9780143538424  
\$ 29.50 / HB

Elijah Rolene is a lost man. Following the death of his wife, he quits his job as a police pilot and turns to prescription painkillers for comfort. Not content to watch him destroy his life, his veterinarian sister convinces him to help out at her animal shelter.

Soon, they rescue a rare white lion cub from the heart of Detroit's gangland. The lion is brought to live with them and instantly connects with Elijah's autistic niece, Harper. As Harper is brought out of her shell, so Elijah begins to heal as well. But something happens that puts their family at risk and threatens to tear their world apart.

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The Cure / Morad Zaffron  
Real African Publishers, South Africa 2013

308p.;  
9780987034755  
\$ 25.00 / HB

Corporate greed meets scientific altruism in Morad Zaffron's white-knuckle thriller, *The Cure*.

Dr Susan Conner, a traumatized drug-dependent widow, goes to work for a global pharmaceutical corporation dispensing a cure for a lethal virus. And, at first, patients get better ... But soon, they begin vanishing or dying and Susan suddenly finds her own life on the line. Believing her salvation might lie with Dr Vincent Bach, the young scientist who developed the cure, she is desperate to find him ... But she is on the run from the police and the FBI for murder, while being hunted down by assassins hired by Big Pharma.

A taut, tense medical drama, *The Cure* explores big business, new medicine, and whether true love can indeed conquer all.

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Bad City / Peter Morris  
Real African Publishers, South Africa 2013

386p  
9780987034762  
\$ 39.50 / HB

A young man arrives in Johannesburg from a village in northern Mozambique and is conscripted into one of the city's oldest organized crime syndicates. Joao Mucavinho soon learns who really runs this bad city: who controls the money, the "kwash," and the turn of the dice. But the city is on the brink of monumental changes; it is about to explode--and with it all the dreams, the lies, and the power of the old order. It is a time of violent death, of survival, and an opportunity that only comes once. "Bad City" is an African noir novel and an exhaustive anatomy of crime in one of the world's youngest and most dangerous cities.

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To the black women we knew / Kholofelo Maenetsha  
Modjaji Books CC, South Africa 2014

220p  
9781920590079  
\$ 22.00 / HB

As Ama's wedding day approaches and her friends - Beauty, Matlakala and Pamela are there to lend varying degrees of support. But when tragedy strikes on Ama's wedding day and spreads to every corner of the group's lives they hold on to each other to survive. Will their misfortunes bring them closer together or will they tear the quilt of their friendship apart?

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