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Being a Black Springbok: The Thando Manana Story
Sibusiso Mjikeliso
9781770105447
July
Trade Paperback | R285
Thando Manana was the third black African player to don a Springbok jersey after unification in 1992, when he made his debut in 2000 in a tour game against Argentina A.

His route to the top of the game was unpredictable and unusual. From his humble beginnings in the township of New Brighton, Port Elizabeth, Thando grew to become one of the grittiest loose-forwards of South African rugby, despite only starting the game at the age of 16. Thando tells his story with the refreshing candour he has become synonymous with as a rugby commentator, pundit and member of the infamous Room Dividers team on Metro FM. He has arguably become rugby’s strongest advocate for the advancement of black people’s interests in the sport, and his personal journey reveals why.

Rule of Law: A Memoir
Glynnis Breytenbach with Nechama Brodie
9781770104877
August
Trade Paperback | R275
Over a legal career spanning 26 years, advocate Glynnis Breytenbach earned a reputation as one of the country’s most formidable state prosecutors, her infamous stare piercing the defences of many. Now a member of parliament and the Democratic Alliance’s shadow minister for justice, Glynnis finally shares how her life in and out of court shaped her into the outspoken, sometimes hard-headed, always principled woman she is, and the public figure she never wanted to be. In Rule of Law, Glynnis provides personal commentary on the evolution and importance of an independent judiciary in South Africa, and explains why the rule of law is critical to the foundation and the future of the country. Her account offers fascinating insights, a critical analysis of some of South Africa’s recent legal and political cliffhangers, and a suggestion as to how the law can help us find a way forward as a country.

The Testimony of Steve Biko
Edited by Millard W. Arnold
9781770105584
September
Trade Paperback | R275
On 2 May 1976, senior counsel for the defence in the trial of nine black activists in Pretoria called to the witness stand Bantu Stephen Biko. Although Biko was known to the authorities, and indeed was serving a banning order, not much about the man was known by anyone outside of his colleagues and the Black Consciousness Movement.

That was about to change with his appearance as a witness in the SASO/BPC case. He entered the courtroom known to some, but after his four-day testimony he left as a celebrity known to all. It was a trial about ideas, but as it unfolded it became a trial of the entire philosophy of Black Consciousness and those who championed its cause.

No Fears Expressed: Quotes from Steve Biko
Edited by Millard W. Arnold
9781770105607
September
Paperback | R175
First published in 1987, No Fears Expressed is a compilation of quotes taken from the words of the activist and Black Consciousness leader, Steve Biko. Sourced from the iconic I Write What I Like, including the collection of Biko’s columns published in the journal of the South Africa Student Organisation under the pseudonym of “Frank Talk”, as well as from The Testimony of Steve Biko (edited by Millard W. Arnold), this book contains many inspirational quotes and thoughts that are still relevant in South African society today. Steve Biko would have been 70 years old in 2017. His place in history is firmly cemented and the struggle that he gave his life for continues. He left a legacy of thoughts and words, and these words pay tribute to the courage and power of the young leader who was to become one of Africa’s heroes.
When a family tragedy drives a wedge between father and son, Patrick Tau turns his back on his home in rural Mahikeng, determined to break with his past. He builds a life in the city of gold with Julia and their two children. As apartheid’s cruel laws take hold and the threat of forced removals becomes a reality, Patrick makes a decision that will change the course of their lives and impact on each family member in wholly unanticipated ways.

In attempting to understand the complex history of her famous father’s family and country, Patrick’s granddaughter, Dikeledi, an investigative journalist, reconstructs four generations of the Tau family. As she unpicks the tangled threads of individual stories, she uncovers a crime syndicate of apartheid-era figures and disillusioned liberation fighters, and she faces challenging questions that apply to her own life choices – about identity, belonging, sacrifice and compromise.

Eight Days in September: The Removal of Thabo Mbeki
Frank Chikane
9781770105621
September
Paperback | R175
Eight Days in September is a riveting, behind-the-scenes account of the turbulent eight-day period in September 2008 that led to the removal of Thabo Mbeki as president of South Africa.

As secretary of the cabinet and head (director-general) of the presidency at the time, Frank Chikane was directly responsible for managing the transition from Mbeki to Kgalema Motlanthe, and then on to Jacob Zuma, and was one of only a few who had a front-row seat to the unfolding drama.

Eight Days in September builds substantially on the so-called Chikane Files, a series of controversial articles Chikane published with Independent Newspapers in July 2010, to provide an insider’s perspective on this key period in South Africa’s recent history, and to explore Thabo Mbeki’s legacy.

491 Days: Prisoner Number 1323/69
Winnie Madikizela-Mandela
9781770105638
September
Paperback | R175
On a freezing winter’s night, a few hours before dawn on 12 May 1969, security police stormed the Soweto home of Winnie Mandela and detained her in the presence of her two young daughters, then aged eight and ten. Rounded up in a group of other anti-apartheid activists under Section 6 of the Terrorism Act, designed for the security police to hold and interrogate people for as long as they wanted, she was taken away. This was the start for Winnie Mandela of a 491-day period of detention and two trials. 491 Days: Prisoner Number 1323/69 shares with the world Winnie Mandela’s moving and compelling journal as well as some of the letters written between affected parties at the time. Readers gain insight into the brutality she experienced, her depths of despair as well as her resilience and defiance under extreme pressure.

Oliver Tambo Remembered
Edited by Z. Pallo Jordan
9781770105683
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Paperback | R175
Oliver Tambo Remembered is a salute to one of South Africa’s most remarkable individuals. Originally published in 2007, this compilation of memories is a celebration of what would have been Oliver Reginald Tambo’s 90th birthday. It sees friends and associates remembering OR the leader, the comrade and the man. The contributions are written by people who encountered OR during his travels in Europe and the US, and who knew him whilst he was living in South Africa and in exile in Africa and the UK. This edition of Oliver Tambo Remembered is published in commemoration of his centenary on 27 October 2017. The pieces in this book celebrate not only the impact that OR had on South Africa’s future, but also the character of a selfless, compassionate leader, who raised the international profile of the ANC through his wise and intelligent guidance, his humility and integrity, and his unyielding commitment to the struggle.
When Daniel Baxter, the medical director of a large community health centre in New York City, accepted an invitation to work in Botswana, he hardly knew where to find the country on a map. Yet he set out nonetheless, naively confident that he would do good by bringing his first-world expertise to help in the roll-out of Africa’s first HIV/AIDS treatment programme. But Baxter’s good intentions were quickly overwhelmed by the reality of AIDS in Africa, his misguided altruism engulfed by the sea of need around him.

Compelling, humorous, courageous and often heart-breaking, One Life at a Time documents the extraordinary experiences of a fallible but compassionate doctor working at the front line of HIV/AIDS care in Botswana.

Photographer Jürgen Schadeberg was the man behind the camera, recording history as it unfolded in apartheid South Africa, but his personal story is no less extraordinary. His empathy for the displaced, the persecuted and the marginalised was already deeply rooted by the time he came to South Africa from Germany in 1950 and began taking pictures for the fledgling Drum magazine.

In the view of Prince Mashele and Mzukisi Qobo, the current state of affairs in South Africa has its origins in the messiness and ongoing collapse of the African National Congress. As helplessness deepens in our society, concerned citizens ask: ‘What will happen to South Africa?’ The Fall of the ANC Continues seeks to answer this question of the fate that awaits the country.

Dare Not Linger is the story of Mandela’s presidency, drawing heavily on the memoir he began to write as he prepared to finish his term as president, but was unable to finish. Now, the acclaimed South African writer, Mandla Langa, has completed the task using Mandela’s unfinished draft, detailed notes that Mandela made as events were unfolding and a wealth of previously unseen archival material. The result is a vivid and often inspirational account of Mandela’s presidency years in which he overcame the challenges of transition and made a reality of his cherished vision for a liberated South Africa.

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The Cull
Tony Park
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October
Trade Paperback | R285
British business tycoon Julianne Clyde-Smith will do anything to save Africa’s endangered wildlife, including setting up an elite anti-poaching squad. Hiring Sonja Kurtz to head up the covert strike force, Julianne gives the former mercenary whatever she needs to take down Africa’s poaching kingpins.

As the body count rises, it becomes harder for Sonja and her team to stay under the radar. When her former flame, safari guide and private investigator Hudson Brand, is hired to investigate the death of an alleged poacher, Sonja is forced to ask herself if Julianne’s wildlife crusade has gone too far.

The Blessed Girl
Angela Makholwa
9781770105713
October
Trade Paperback | R260
When you are accustomed to the finer things in life – designer shoes, champagne, VIP lounges, exotic holidays abroad, a luxury penthouse, expensive wheels – what independent young woman in her right mind would want to let them go? The lifestyle doesn’t come cheap, though, nor does maintaining the body that allows it (just ask Dr Heinz at the beauty clinic). Luckily, Bontle has a degree in MENcology, and there is no shortage of blessers at her penthouse door, eager to give her all the love and (financial) support she needs. Keeping all her boyfriends happy and living a fabulous life is not without its challenges. With so many people clamouring for Bontle’s attention – from her shebeen queen mother Gladys in Mamelodi, who is taking strain bringing up her teenaged brother, Gokolike, on her own; to her girlfriends, Iris and Tsholo; not to mention her soon-to-be ex-husband, the ever-patient, ever-loving Ntokozo, Bontle barely has time to post on Instagram these days. Sooner or later something’s got to give …

Bare Ground
Peter Harris
9781770105812
October
Trade Paperback | R260
As the head of Wits Mining, the last major mining company to do an empowerment deal, Max Sinclair has a mandate from the board and a clear directive: to sell a share of the company to a black consortium. Born and bred in the city that remains, at heart, a mining camp built on gold and the greed of men, Max is used to being a player in the highstakes game of deals and political influence, and he keeps his cards close to his chest. There is no shortage of takers for the deal. A shareholding spells possible riches for some – like Sifiso Lesibe, geologist and newest member of the board – and increased influence for others. Support for the deal from government is crucial, particularly when it comes to mining and mineral rights. Politics, power and money are an irresistible combination. Mistrust is everywhere and nothing is as it seems.

Born a Crime and Other Stories
Trevor Noah
9781770105379
November
Paperback | R175
Born a Crime is the story of a mischievous young boy who grows into a restless young man as he struggles to find himself in a world where he was never supposed to exist. It is also the story of his relationship with his fearless, rebellious and fervently religious mother – his teammate, a woman determined to save her son from the cycle of poverty, violence and abuse that would ultimately threaten her own life.

The eighteen personal essays collected here are by turns hilarious, dramatic and deeply affecting. Whether being thrown from a moving car during an attempted kidnapping or simply trying to survive the life-and-death pitfalls of dating in high school, Trevor illuminates his world with an incisive wit and an unflinching honesty.
Bantu Holomisa: The Game Changer
Eric Naki
9781770104815
November
Trade Paperback | R285

Bantu Holomisa is one of South Africa’s most respected and popular political figures. As head of the Transkeian Defence Force, Holomisa led successive coups against the homeland regimes and then became the head of its military government. When the unbanned ANC held its first election for its national executive in 1994, Holomisa, who had by now joined the party, received the most votes, beating long-time veterans and party stalwarts. He and Mandela developed a close relationship, and Holomisa served in Mandela’s cabinet as deputy minister for environmental affairs and tourism. After being expelled from the ANC, Holomisa formed his own party, the United Democratic Movement, with Roelf Meyer. As leader of the UDM, Holomisa has played a prominent role in building coalitions among opposition parties and in leading important challenges to the dominant party.

This biography, written in collaboration with Holomisa, presents an engaging and revealing account of a man who has made his mark as a game changer in South African politics.

Pleasure
Nthikeng Mohlele
9781770104853
Trade Paperback | Fiction

The notion of Pleasure in all its guises is one of the oldest and most enduring grand themes of literature, presented here through the eyes and thoughts of Milton Mohlele.

Thoughtful, eccentric and besieged by the erotic and the sensual, the profane and the redemptive, Milton thinks and writes on pleasure as it is both experienced and imagined.

Live Lead Learn: My Stories of Life and Leadership
Gail Kelly
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Gail Kelly has become renowned globally as one of Australia’s most innovative and inspiring business leaders. She was the first female CEO of one of Australia’s big four banks, listed by Forbes in 2010 as the eighth most powerful woman in the world, and is a mother of four (including triplets).

As a leader, she argues passionately for the importance of putting people and customers at the heart of a business; of leading with courage and generosity of spirit; and of resilience. She explores the absolute importance of loving what you do; learning to learn; backing yourself; and, most importantly, placing your family above all things.

In Live Lead Learn, Kelly shares what she’s learned over her remarkable career, drawing from her personal and professional life. This is a must-read for any current and future business leaders interested in the importance of diversity, delivering results, and the true spirit of helping others.

The Yearning
Mohale Mashigo
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Paperback | Fiction

Yearning (noun): A feeling of intense longing for something.

Marubini is a young woman who has an enviable life in Cape Town, working at a wine farm and spending idyllic days with her friends...until her past starts spilling into her present.

Something dark has been lurking in the shadows of Marubini’s life from as far back as she can remember. It’s only a matter of time before it reaches out and grabs at her. The Yearning is a memorable exploration of the ripple effects of the past, of personal strength and courage, and of the shadowy intersections of traditional and modern worlds.

We are so pleased and proud that our authors Nthikeng Mohlele (Pleasure, 2016) and Mohale Mashigo (The Yearning, 2016) have won the main and debut prizes respectively from The University of Johannesburg Prize for South African Writing in English.
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