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Architecture

10 + Years 100 + Buildings: Architecture in a democratic South Africa / Ora Joubert
Cape Town, South Africa : Bell Roberts Print and Publishing, 2009
448p.; 240 x 280 mm.
ISBN 9780981420035
\$ 75.00

Art

The Ceramic Art of Robert Hodgins / Retief van Wyk
Cape Town, South Africa : Bell Roberts Print and Publishing, 2008
144p.;
ISBN 9780620403399
\$ 54.00

Biography

Running with horses: Reflections of an accidental politician / Allan Boesak
Cape Town, South Africa : Joho Publishers, 2009
428p.;
ISBN 9780980275483
\$ 35.00

Cookery & Food

The Complete South African Cookbook / Magdaleen Van Wyk
Cape Town, South Africa : Struik Publishers, 2009 [Reprinted]
192p.; 280 x 215 mm.
ISBN 9781868727469
\$ 22.00

Cook and Enjoy / S.J.A. de Villiers
Cape Town, South Africa : Human & Rousseau, 2009
568p.; 229 X 159 mm.
ISBN 9780798149198
\$ 45.00

Revised, updated and completely redesigned to echo its original smaller and thicker format, the new edition combines a readable, modern feel with the classic look of the original.

Bon Appetit, Mr President / Little Hilton
Cape Town, South Africa : Human & Rousseau, 2008
192p.; 270 x 210 mm.
ISBN 9780798148986
\$ 49.50

Environment

Forever Green / Dave Pepler
Cape Town, South Africa : Human & Rousseau, 2009
160p.; 215 x 275 mm.
ISBN 9780798150941
\$ 45.00

Forever green initiates the reader into the hidden marvels of the plant world. Stories and pictures pay homage to the secret life of plants - from proteas, arum lilies and fynbos to aloes, vygies, medicinal plants and steep companions. This collection contains 25 stories, some of which have appeared in the lifestyle magazine Visi, while others were written especially for the title.

Bird calls for beginners / Doug Newman
Cape Town, South Africa : Struik Publishers, 2008
60p.; 210 x 148 mm.
Includes CD
ISBN 9781770076785
\$ 12.00

General

Ageing and sexuality: Your 21st Century guide to lifelong sensuality / Dr Eve
Cape Town, South Africa : Oshun Books, 2009
256p.; 190 x 156 mm.
ISBN 9781770200784
\$ 26.75

Statistics show that people are living longer lives, and are physically healthy and active well into their eighties and upwards. Yet very little meaningful literature exists on a topic few people choose to discuss: the sexual lives of ageing people. Ageing and sexuality, aims to rectify the situation. Dr Eve makes the firm point that 'getting older' by no means indicates a diminishing lack of interest in sex, but merely that physiological, mental and emotional changes occur that we need to adjust to. Accordingly, she offers both practical and medical advice on how to overcome age-related sexual problems so that older people may enjoy the rich rewards of a healthy and fulfilling sex life.

History

People's War: New Light on the Struggle for South Africa / Anthea Jeffery
Johannesburg, South Africa : Jonathan Ball Publishers, 2009
676p.; 240 x 168 mm.
ISBN 9781868423576
\$ 45.00

The Indian in Drum Magazine in the 1950's / Riason Naidoo
Cape Town, South Africa : Bell Roberts Print and Publishing, 2009
140p.; 300 x 300 mm.
ISBN 9780981420004
\$ 47.50

Jazz King Pumpy Naidoo, Sheriff Khan, Te Salots, Amaranee Naidoo, these names, though unfamiliar to most, represent the rich and colourful heritage of the Indian in South Africa. Prominent and sometimes notorious in the 50's they graced the pages of Drum magazine which followed their exploits alongside Miriam Makeba, Hugh Masekela and the other now legendary names from the Drum era. Until recently however, the Indian influence of this era in South African culture and history would be relegated into the archives.

Alf Kumalo: Through My Lens / Tafelberg
Cape Town, South Africa : Tafelberg Publishers, 2009
224p.; 270 x 270 mm.
ISBN 9780624044673
\$ 58.50

An insider's account, brimming with colourful anecdotes, humour and passion, of South Africa's turbulent past. Kumalo shares intimate moments of pain and of triumph, in pictures and words. Kumalo's life's work is a visual documentary of a nation's transformation, but he is also a storyteller of note. His first-person account of historic events and private moments is filled with humour and compassion.

Short Drive to Freedom / Koos Kombuis
Cape Town, South Africa : Human & Rousseau, 2009
256p.; 213 x 137 mm.
ISBN 9780798150989
\$ 31.00

This maverick musician's first autobiography, Seks & Drugs & Boeremusiek became an iconic title. In his new title he writes with the same honesty and humour about his memories of the rebellious Voelvry movement, a rock 'n roll movement by a group of musicians which jolted many Afrikaans people out of their known certainties. As the movement gained momentum during their countrywide tour they won the Afrikaans youth over to their struggle against the government and apartheid. Koos Kombuis has again written a memoir that is witty, touching, horrific, amusing, confused, extravagant, provocative.

In a Different Time: The Inside Story of the Delmas Four / Peter Harris
Cape Town, South Africa : Umuzi Publishers, 2008
319p.; 218 x 142 mm.

ISBN 9781415200490
\$ 31.00

This title tells the story of four young South Africans who embark on a mission that will ultimately take them to Death Row. They are a highly trained and experienced assassination squad reporting directly to Chris Hani. The narrative details their infiltration into the country, their operations, arrest and subsequent trial. These men are the foot soldiers who sacrificed everything. As their trial unfolds with their attorney fighting to save them from the gallows, so too does the story of their own lives and the choices they make. The story is set in a South Africa gripped by unrest and political tension, when the ANC was in exile and repression at its height. It tells of the extraordinary lengths people go to in order to fight for what they believe, and the acts people will commit to preserve the status quo. The characters are linked by bizarre coincidence and tragedy in a true account narrated by their attorney. Woven through the narrative is the construction of a bomb and its journey towards its target, and the circumstances which enable that meeting.

Law

Trade Unions Law and the Law in South Africa / Rycroft & Cohen/Whitcher
Durban, South Africa : LexisNexis, 2009
Format: Soft
ISBN 9780409051162
\$ 47.50

The New Companies Act Manual / Delport
Durban, South Africa : LexisNexis, 2009
Format: Soft
ISBN 9780409045239
\$ 56.90

The New Companies Act Manual spells out the proposed amendments to the Companies Act in a practical and easily understandable way. There are many cross-references to the Bill as well as explanatory notes appearing in the footnotes. As the name suggests, this book is a basic manual to explain the new system and not a comparison with the present system or an exhaustive discussion of problem areas.

Litigating Socio-Economic Rights in South Africa: A choice between corrective and distributive justice / Christopher Mbazira
Pretoria, South Africa : PULP, 2009
Viii+273p.;
ISBN 9780981412474
\$ 38.50

The Three Books on interest-bearing loans and interest (Foenus et Usurae) by Gerard Noodt, Jurist and Professor of Law / Edited by SJ van Niekerk — Convenor , JT Pretorius — Co-ordinator, DM Kriel — Translator, DH van Zyl — Revisor
Pretoria, South Africa : PULP, 2009
391p.;
ISBN 9780981412405
\$ 38.50

Constitutional Court Review (2008) 1 / Edited by Stu Woolman, Theunis Roux & Danie Brand
Pretoria, South Africa : PULP, 2009
375p.;
ISSN 2073-6215
\$ 56.75

The Constitutional Court Review is a once-a-year journal dedicated to the analysis of the Constitutional Court's decisions of the previous year. Its purpose is to provide a platform for high-level academic engagement with the jurisprudence of the South African Constitutional Court

Companies Bill 2008 / Juta's Statutes Editors
Cape Town, South Africa : JUTA, 2009
434p.; 140 x 105 mm.
ISBN 9780702181580
\$ 21.00

Juta's Statutes of South Africa-2008/9 [8 Volume Set] / Juta's Statutes Editors
Cape Town, South Africa : JUTA, 2009
ISBN 9780702181528
\$ 615.00

African Yearbook on International Humanitarian Law (2008) / G Abraham, M Cowling, H Strydom
South Africa : Juta Law, 2009
ISSN 1997-8391
\$ 43.50

The African Yearbook of International Humanitarian Law (AYIHL) is an annual legal journal. The aim of AYIHL is to promote interest and research in International Humanitarian Law and Policy. The AYIHL provides an attractive and positive forum for publications on all aspects of International Humanitarian Law of relevance to Africa and African academics.

Literature

An African Cameo / Naka Pillman
Cape Town, South Africa : Joho Publishers, 2008
200p.; 200 x 140 mm.
ISBN 9780980275469
\$ 26.50

Palindroom / Joan Hambidge
Cape Town, South Africa : Joho Publishers, 2008
250p.; 210 x 130 mm.
ISBN 9780980260649
\$ 23.00

Palindroom, a post-post modern novel, explores a three-way relationship between a mentor, mentee and the mentor's lover. Their relationships are intertwined in a

complicated and intellectual web of literary theory, especially psychoanalysis and metafiction. As one pulls closer, the other moves away. And then there are the ever-present bats...

Daddy's Girl / Margie Orford

Johannesburg, South Africa : Jonathan Ball Publishers, 2009

280p.;

ISBN 9781868423262

\$ 21.75

Blood Rose / Margie Orford

Johannesburg, South Africa : Jonathan Ball Publishers, 2009

ISBN 9781868423484

\$ 21.75

The Book of the Dead / Kgebetli Moele

Cape Town, South Africa : Kwela Books, 2009

224p.; 222 x 152 mm.

ISBN 9780795702884

\$ 25.00

The Elephant in the Room / Maya Fowler

Cape Town, South Africa : Kwela Books, 2009

288p.; 222 x 152 mm.

ISBN 9780795702846

\$ 29.25

A story of secrets, warped friendships and addiction, and how families guard their secrets to keep up appearances - with disastrous consequences. Set in Kalk Bay, the Overberg and Plumstead, the story explores the life of a young girl called Lily, and the influence various strong characters have on her - most notably her domineering grandmother and her classmate Vera.

Small Moving Parts / Sally-Ann Murray

Cape Town, South Africa : Kwela Books, 2009

416p.; 127 x 203 mm.

ISBN 9780795702860

\$ 37.50

Halley is a smart girl growing up poor in Durban. Trying to make ends meet is her mother, Nora, who pares herself to the bone to provide. Halley finds a way to live that's more than making do. She finds that a little love and imagination can take you pretty far, and that they certainly help to hold the curious bits and pieces together. Playfully post-modern, this is a story about ordinary, day-to-day life: the bad choices, the conflicts, the random happenstances that can, and do, change destinies.

Oorblyfsel-Voice Over / Breyten Breytenbach

Cape Town, South Africa : Human & Rousseau, 2009

64p.; 213 x 137 mm.

ISBN 9780798150712

\$ 25.00

The collection includes poems in Afrikaans with the English version on the righthand page. Breyten calls these poems a 'collage', transformed 'variations' of Darwish's work, with his own voice woven into the process.

White Women Writing White Identity and Representation in (Post-)Apartheid Literatures of South Africa / Mary West

Cape Town, South Africa : New Africa Books, 2009

176p.;

\$ 40.00

White Women Writing White is a provocative analysis of the works of selected South African women writers, examining the ways in which each deals with concepts of white identity. Drawing on a range of source materials, from popular novels (Pamela Jooste and Susan Mann) and magazine columns (Marianne Thamm) to major works such as *A Change of Tongue* (Antjie Krog) and short stories by Nadine Gordimer and Marlene van Niekerk, this book seeks to tease out the hidden meanings and assumptions in the ways these writers have portrayed the white South African experience.

The Transplant Men / Jane Taylor

Johannesburg, South Africa : Jacana Media, 2009

141p.; 235 x 155 mm.

ISBN 9781770097162

\$ 27.50

Nairobi Heat / Mukoma Wa Ngugi

Johannesburg, South Africa : The Penguin Group (SA), 2009

ISBN 9780143026174

\$ 31.75

A young and beautiful white woman is murdered in the US, and the prime suspect is former Rwandan school headmaster, Joshua – a hero who had risked his life to save the innocent during Rwanda's genocide. Ishmael, an African American detective, must investigate the case by plunging himself into Joshua's past. He travels to Kenya, where Joshua once lived as a refugee, and finds himself unearthing his own African identity as he uncovers this violent crime. Kenyan author Mukoma wa Ngugi's debut novel is a gripping and hard-hitting detective thriller that questions race, identity and class.

Becoming / Wendy Clark

Cape Town, South Africa : New Africa Books, 2009

320p.;

\$ 32.25

Becoming is a novel about coming of age; it is about how we can become whole despite our circumstances or our pasts. It is a novel about sexuality, and it also deals with the difficult subject of female genital mutilation. Set in modern-day South Africa, the book was inspired by a real facts-of-life book of 1950s vintage, entitled *On Becoming a Woman* by Harold Shryock, which at one time was in circulation in South Africa.

Cactus Letters A Novel / Jayne Galassi

Cape Town, South Africa : New Africa Books, 2009

160p.;

\$ 21.00

Wire Me a Million: the amazing true story of one of the most audacious con-men of all time / Jack Shepherd Smith
Cape Town, South Africa : New Africa Books, 2009
232p.;
\$ 28.00

Wire Me a Million is the extraordinary story of Billy Wolfe, a master conman who took millions off gullible investors in the US during the 1970s and 80s before moving his operation to the UK and eventually to South Africa.

Alan Paton Selected Letters / Edited and introduced by Peter Alexander
Cape Town, South Africa : Van Riebeeck Society, 2009
496p.;
ISBN 9780981426402
\$ 30.00

Alan Paton was a dedicated letter-writer whose letters are almost like a series of vigorous conversations, displaying his capacity for friendship, his lively personality and his principled commitment to South African society. This collection of 350 previously unpublished letters are a major aspect of his writings. They range from those written as a brilliant student of 18 to his old age, illustrating many of the facets of his literary interests, his work as a teacher and reformatory principle and his political activism.

Politics

FROM LIBERATOR TO DICTATOR An insider's account of Robert Mugabe's descent into tyranny / Michael Auret - Foreword by Trevor Ncube
Cape Town, South Africa : New Africa Books, 2009
192p.; 210 x 148 mm.
\$ 21.75

This is a personal account of the unravelling of Zimbabwe, written by an insider who was prepared to keep faith with Robert Mugabe until it was almost too late. Michael Auret served for many years on Zimbabwe's respected Catholic Commission of Justice and Peace, which worked tirelessly to defend human rights in that country. In this absorbing memoir, he traces his involvement in the politics of his country, from his days as an opposition MP in Ian Smith's Rhodesia to his involvement with the Movement for Democratic Change (MDC) and his election as MP for Harare Central in the brutal election of 2000. The author's key position as an insider makes this is a fascinating and timely account of the internal politics of Zimbabwe.

SA Yearbook of International Affairs 2008/9
Johannesburg, South Africa : SAIIA, 2009
268p.;
ISBN 9781919969640
\$ 36.75

Sociology

The Wisdom of Whores / Elizabeth Pisani

Johannesburg, South Africa : The Penguin Group (SA), 2009

288p.; 234 x 153 mm.

ISBN 9781847080004

\$ 31.00

Elizabeth Pisani has spent ten years working as a scientist in the bloated AIDS industry. In *The Wisdom of Whores*, she unfolds a universe of brothels and bureaucracies, of bickering junkies and squabbling charities, of men who sell sex and men who would rather prohibit it. Illustrating solid science with ribald tales from the frontlines of sex and drugs, *The Wisdom of Whores* explains how we could shut down HIV everywhere except sub-Saharan Africa. We could do it with a few, simple steps. We could do it with less money than we already have. But we won't. This book shows how politics, ideology and money - lots of money, ten billion dollars a year - have bulldozed through scientific evidence and common sense. The consequences of our global hypocrisy are tragic. Over 70 million people have been infected with HIV. We know how to stop the virus. But instead of doing what is needed, governments continue to squander taxpayer's money on feel-good programmes that make no difference. Like *Freakonomics*, *The Wisdom of Whores* makes a complex discipline fascinating. Like *Liar's Poker*, it provides a riveting insider's view of an industry. It's both a brave, campaigning book that will save lives and change policy on; and a fantastic read, written with passion, wit and integrity.

Woman Trashed / Joanne Brodie

Johannesburg, South Africa : The Penguin Group (SA), 2009

ISBN 9780143026105

\$ 23.50

Joanne Brodie's story of addiction, self-destruction and survival – at times shocking, at times unrelentingly honest – will intrigue readers and show that even the most serious addictions are treatable and recovery is possible. From drug overdoses and suicide attempts to working in a brothel and running an S&M parlour from her home, Brodie's story is often painful and never boring, but throughout it all she maintains a wry tone that lends humour to her serious subject. And as she moves from gallery owner to prostitute to dominatrix and eventually to eccentric counsellor, we realise that she is capable of shrewd and original insight.

Sports

The 2009 Tour to South Africa: Lions Raw / The Publishing Partnership

Cape Town, South Africa : The Publishing Partnership, 2009

ISBN 9780620440189

\$ 33.25

Women Studies

Look at me: Photographs and stories of 23 disabled women / Marlene le Roux
Cape Town, South Africa : Joho Publishers, 2007
160p.; 300 x 300 mm.
ISBN 9780980260670
\$ 59.50

This book showcases the sensuality, strength and courage of 23 disabled women. It is an inspirational journey that forces the reader to look beyond the disability, rather seeing the ability. Apart from the beautiful pictures taken by the international photographer, Lucie Pavlovich, the women all wrote their own life stories. Sharing the highs and lows of their journey into womanhood. The women range from all walks of life, from housewives to very successful businesswomen. Some were born with their disability and others got it through an accident or illness later in life. Included in the book is a comprehensive list of contact details of disability organisations in South Africa.
