

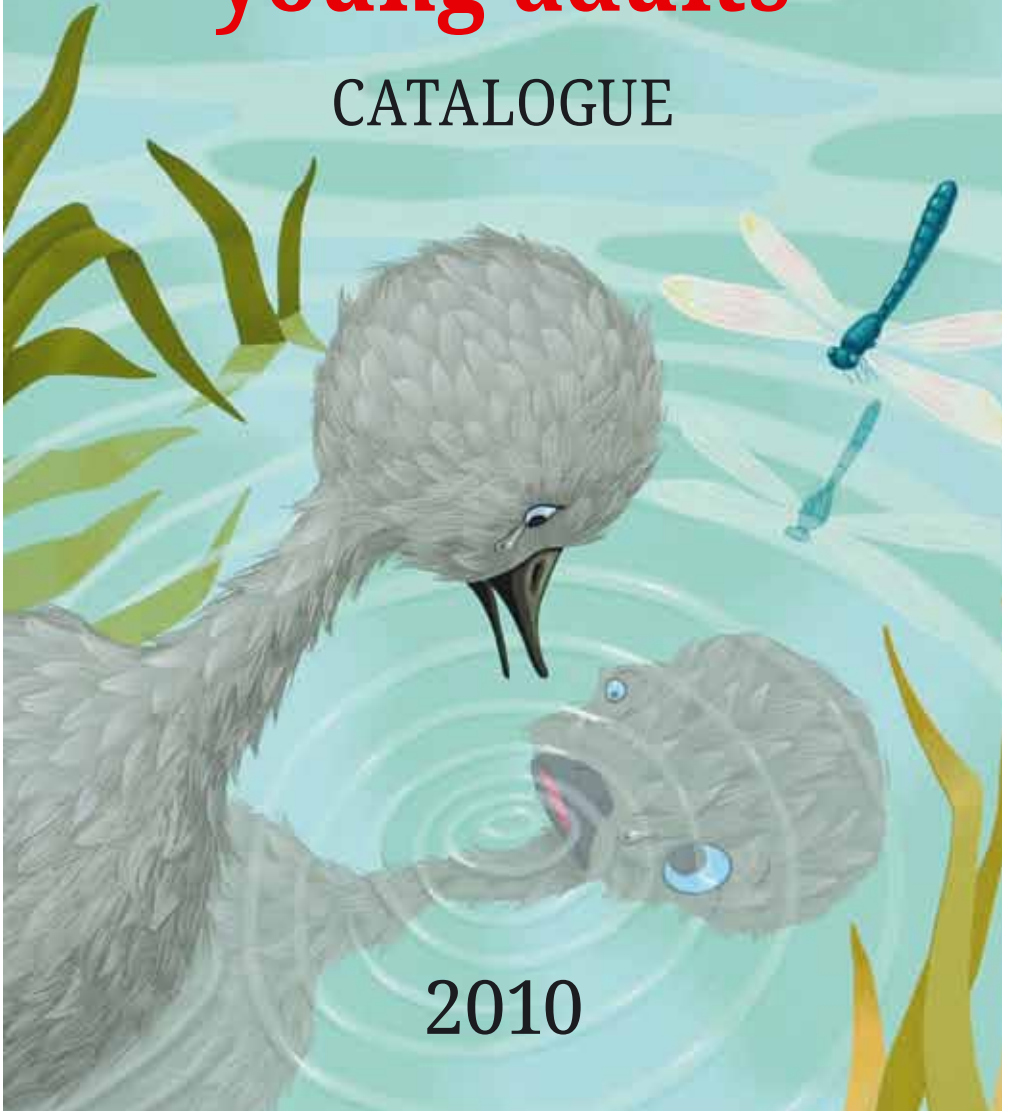
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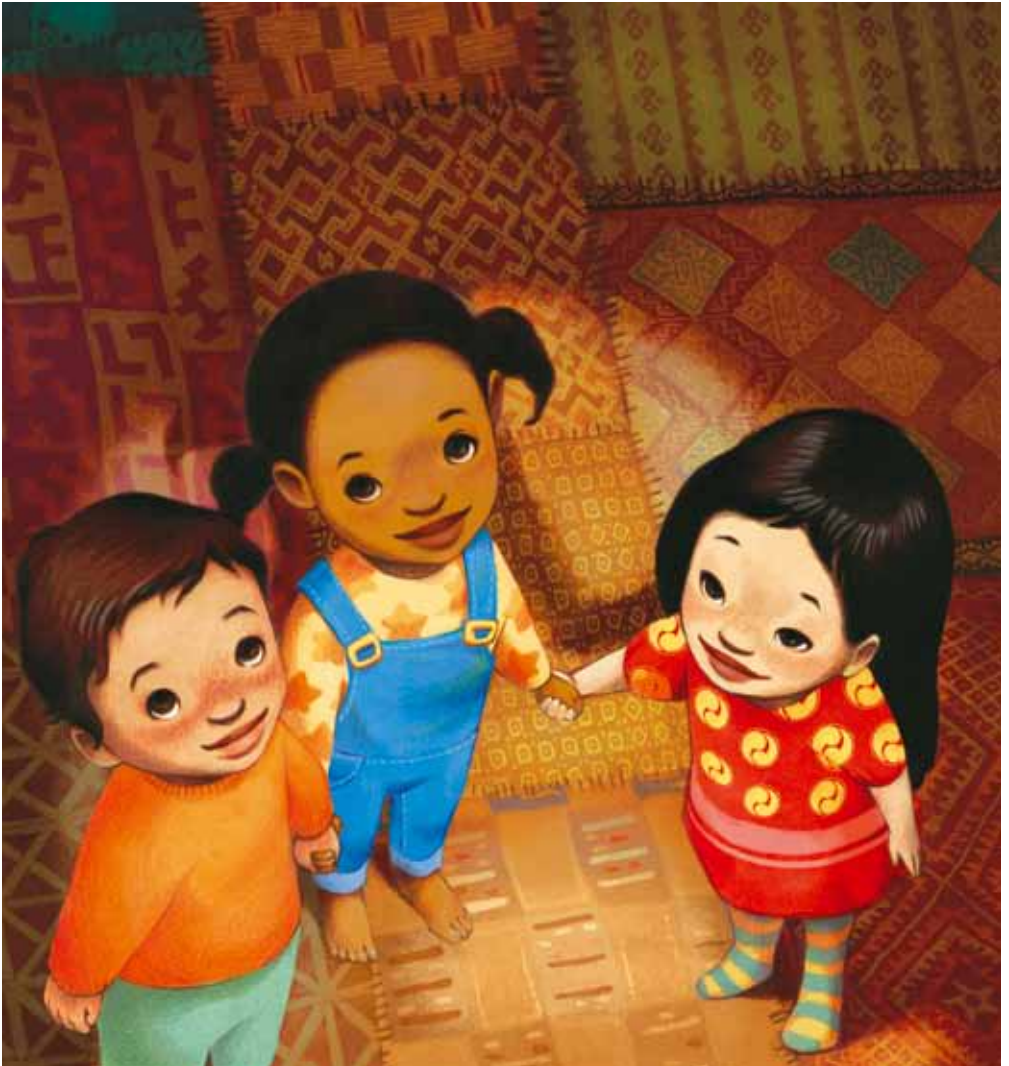


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JACANA MEDIA

We publish *what* we like

In 2006, Jacana Media started a new division to cater for a growing demand for books that would appeal to younger audiences. Jacana has a reputation for publishing books that are entirely southern African in content, idiom, illustration and style. Our focus has been on producing high-quality materials that are appropriate, fun and enjoyable for readers aged between two and sixteen. Jacana publishes books on a range of topics and genres, including reference books on South African history, geography and culture; award-winning illustrated children's fiction; and challenging and current fiction for teenagers.

Most of our materials are suitable for ABET and second-language readers. Our children's picture books are also being used as Foundation Phase readers. Jacana has made it a proud tradition to publish in all 11 official South African languages, where possible. This supports our commitment to growing a culture of reading in South Africa and allowing children to read in the vernacular. The company is a prolific publisher of South African and African fiction and non-fiction books. As the publishing partner of the European Union Literary Award for the best first novel by a South African, we are demonstrating our commitment to the development of South African literature. In addition, in recognition of the fact that we are an African company, Jacana publishes the Caine Prize for African Writing, a competition run by the Booker Committee in London.



FORTHCOMING

BEST LOVED TALES

Jacana brings you a unique and magical series of Best Loved Tales from our most loved authors – Sindiwe Magona, Margie Orford, Veronique Tadjo and Carole Bloch.

The best loved tales are based on the original versions but have been retold and illustrated for our African children helping them to grow a love of reading.

Read aloud, read together, read alone, read forever!

The Ugly Duckling

Retold by Sindiwe Magona and illustrated by Natalie Hinrichson

The ugly duckling simply wants to be loved and to belong but is disliked by his duck family because he is different. He runs away and sets off on a long and lonely journey. When he's about to give up, he makes a surprising discovery. Maybe being different isn't so bad after all...

The Little Red Hen

Retold by Margie Orford and illustrated by Karen Lilje

Little Red Hen is feeling peckish and decides to make bread. She makes a list of what she needs and sets out into the sunny morning. She asks her friends for help but they all say no! Will she have to do everything by herself?

The Three Billy Goats Gruff

Retold by Carole Bloch and illustrated by Shayle Bester

The Three Billy Goats Gruff are hungry and tired of living in the dry and flat and thorny veld. Just across the bridge there is a koppie covered in sweet, green grass. They decide to be brave and cross the bridge, but will they outsmart the monster who lives under the bridge and wants to gobble them up?

Ayanda, the Little Girl Who Didn't Want to Grow Up

Retold by Veronique Tadjo and illustrated by Catherine Groenewald

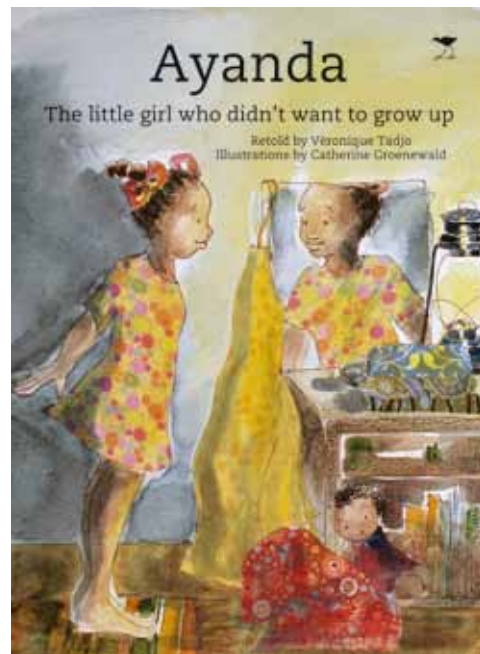
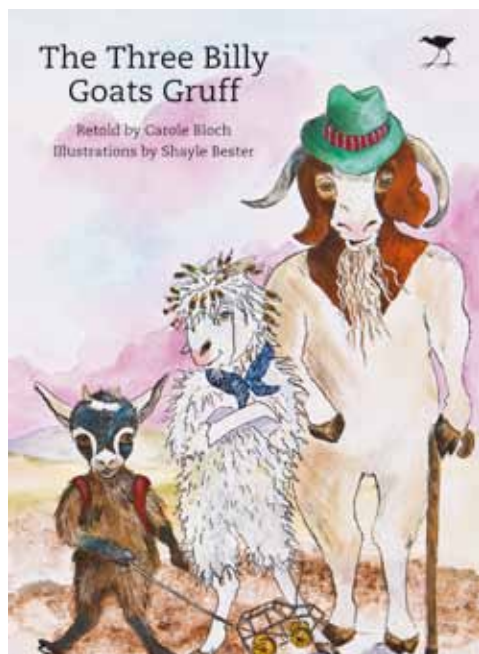
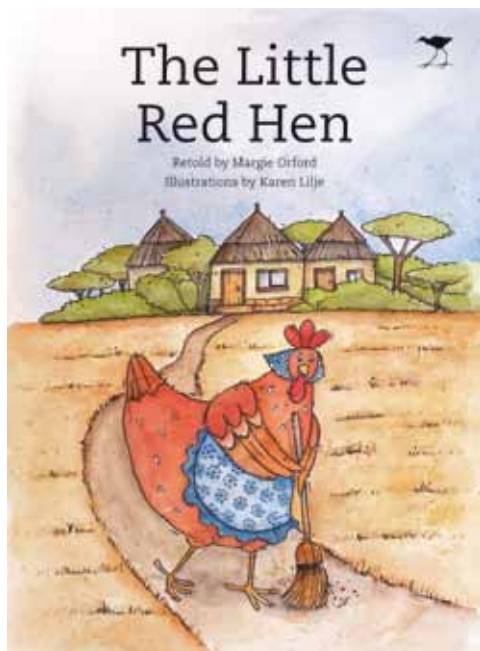
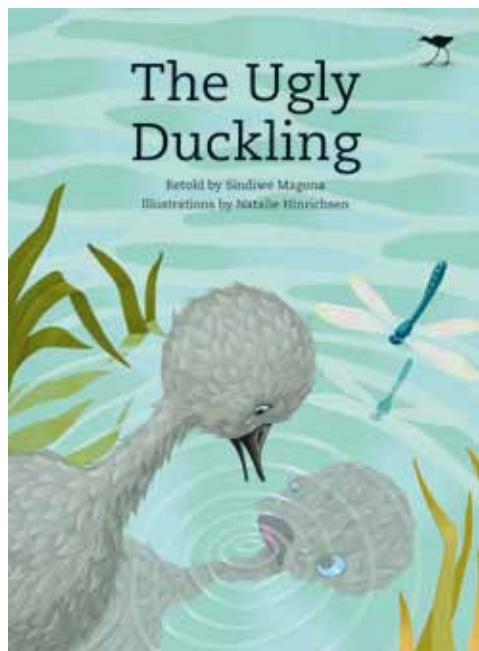
When Ayanda's father does not return home, her heart is broken and she decides not to grow up. When her mom gets sick she finds she has to grow a little bit bigger each day to help her family. But when trouble strikes her village, is she big and brave enough to save everyone?

Genre: Children
Dimensions: 260 x 119mm, 32pp
Format: softcover
Price: R75.00
Year of publication: 2010
Publisher rights: World

Further titles for 2011 publication:

- The Magic Fish
- The Hyena and the Seven Kids
- Goldilocks and the Three Rhinos
- The Three Little Pigs
- Little Red Riding Hood

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THE THANDI AND NOSIPHO SERIES

Three beautifully illustrated and relevant South African stories – The Thandi and Nosipho series helps beginner readers to build reading confidence.

Nosipho comes to stay

Text by Sarah Oosthuizen and illustrations by Catherine Groenewald

Thandi's parents have died of AIDS, and she must go to live with her Gogo. Memories of her family are woven throughout the making of a special doll – a doll made from a few oddly shaped rags, but who shows Thandi how to find comfort and hope.

I could be anywhere

Text and illustrations by Catherine Groenewald

Thandi and her doll dream of a better life, but ultimately realise that Thandi's grandmother's love surpasses all.

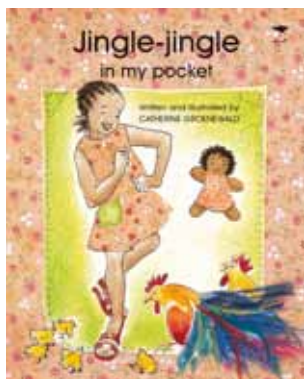
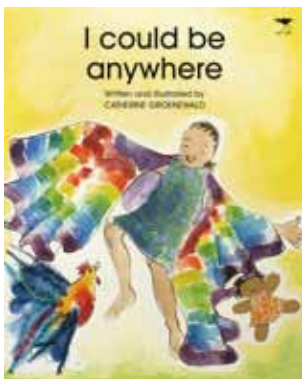
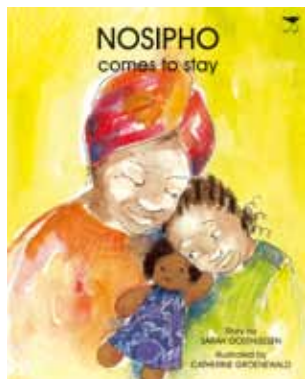
Jingle-jingle in my pocket

Text and illustrations by Catherine Groenewald

Thandi needs new shoes and she knows they will cost a lot of money for her Gogo. So, together they work out a plan to get the money with a little bit of help from Nosipho, her doll, and Pepi, her pet rooster.

Genre:	Children
Dimensions:	210 x 165mm
Nosipho comes to stay	24pp
I could be anywhere	16pp
Jingle-jingle in my pocket	16pp
Format:	Softcover
Price:	R 55.00
Publisher rights:	World
Languages:	English, Afrikaans, isiXhosa, isiZulu, Sepedi, Sesotho, Setswana and Xitsonga

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A KITE'S FLIGHT

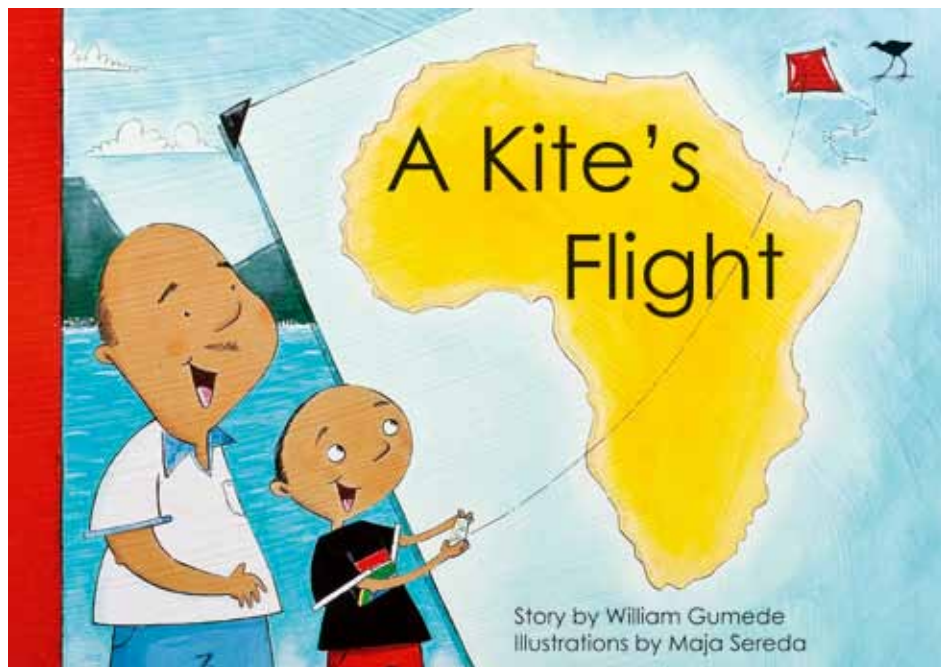
Story by William Gumede

Illustrated by Maja Sereda

This richly illustrated book by best selling author William Gumede, tells the story of how Andile and his father make a beautiful kite. While flying the kite its string breaks, releasing the kite and taking readers on an epic journey across Africa. From the thundering Victoria Falls and the snow tops of Kilimanjaro, to the Sahara Desert and ancient Egyptian Pyramids, follow the kite's flight over some of the great landmarks of Africa!

Genre: Children
Dimensions: 297 x 210mm (landscape), 32pp
Format: Softcover
Author: William Gumede
Year of publication: 2010
Publisher rights: World
Languages: English, Afrikaans, isiXhosa and isiZulu

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CHILDREN'S PICTURE BOOKS

GIFT OF GOLD

Story by Dorothy Kowen

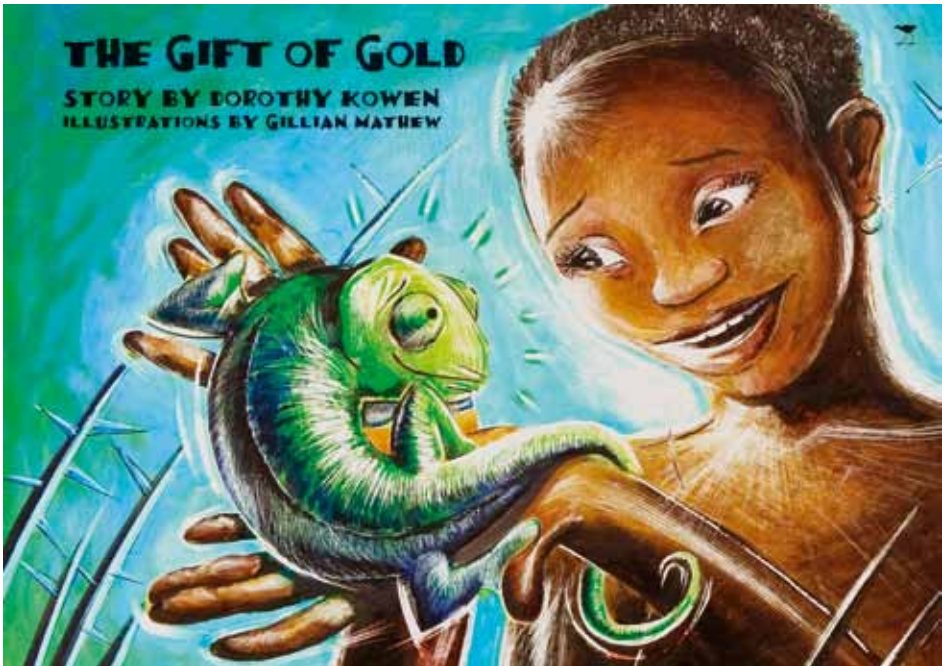
Illustrated by Gillian Mathew

The Gift of Gold has all the ingredients of a classic tale: a curse, a missing lucky gold pebble, an inquisitive little girl and, of course, a happy ending. The characters are South African: a traditional tribe praying for rain, a talking chameleon, and a misunderstood tokoloshe.

– Glenda Neville, The Big Issue

This magical story with its vibrant illustrations will appeal to both young and old.

Genre:	Children
Dimensions:	210 x 297mm; 24pp
Format:	Hardcover
Price:	R99.95
ISBN:	English 978-1-77009-796-4 Afrikaans 978-1-77009-814-5 isiXhosa 978-1-77009-815-2 isiZulu 978-1-77009-826-9
Author:	Dorothy Kowen
Year of publication:	2010
Publisher rights:	World
Languages:	English, Afrikaans, isiXhosa and isiZulu



NYAMA AND THE ELAND

Text by Dorothy Kowen
Illustrations by Gillian Mathew

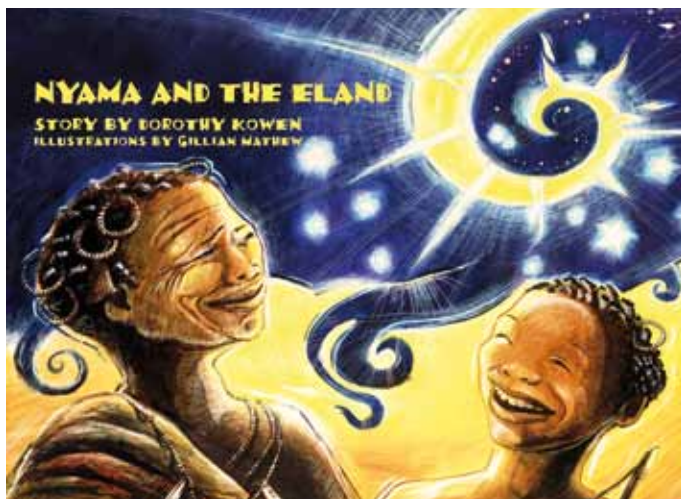
*"I want to hunt with Father and Kattau," Nyama told her mother.
"No, we will join the women," replied her mother, putting her arm around Nyama.
"We must dig for roots and berries."*

Nyama and the Eland is the coming-of-age story of Nyama, a young San girl. Nyama listens to her grandmother telling her beautiful traditional stories about the origins of storms, the wind and the moon as well as the mantis and the eland. Nyama's moment comes when she takes part in a traditional ceremony that leads her on her own journey to finding out more about herself and her people.

Dorothy Kowen was born in Zimbabwe and went to school there. She studied at the University of Cape Town and at the Sorbonne in Paris. She lectured at the University of Cape Town and teaches French at many schools in Cape Town. She lives there with her husband and has three children and two grandchildren. This is her fourth children's book. Dorothy supports adult literacy initiatives and has worked to equip disadvantaged schools with libraries. She is passionate about literacy and education and continues to be enchanted and inspired by the mythology of Africa.

Genre:	Children
Dimensions:	210 x 297mm, 32pp
Format:	Hardcover
Price:	R99.95
Author:	Dorothy Kowen
Year of Publication:	2008
Publisher Rights:	World
Languages:	English, Afrikaans, isiXhosa and isiZulu

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GOD'S DREAM

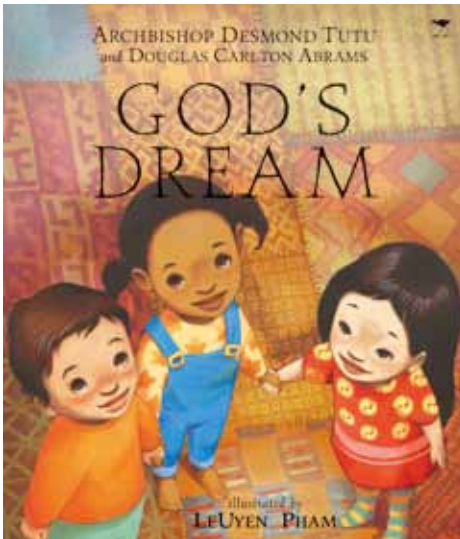
Text by Archbishop Desmond Tutu and
Douglas Carlton Abrams
Illustrations by LeUyen Pham

Each of us carries a piece of God's heart within us. And when we love one another, the pieces of God's heart are made whole.

In warm and simple words, Nobel Prize winner Desmond Tutu reaches out to children everywhere with his inspiring message of love and forgiveness.

Genre:	Children
Dimensions:	288 x 248mm, 36pp
Format:	Softcover
Price:	R 110.00
Author:	Archbishop Desmond Tutu and Douglas Carlton Abrams
Year of Publication:	2009
Publisher rights:	Southern Africa
Languages:	English, isiZulu, isiXhosa, Sesotho, Afrikaans, Sepedi, Xitsonga, Setswana, isiNdebele, Tshivenda and Siswati

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THE TALE OF SUN AND MOON

Text by Ann Walton

Illustrations by Tamsin Hinrichsen

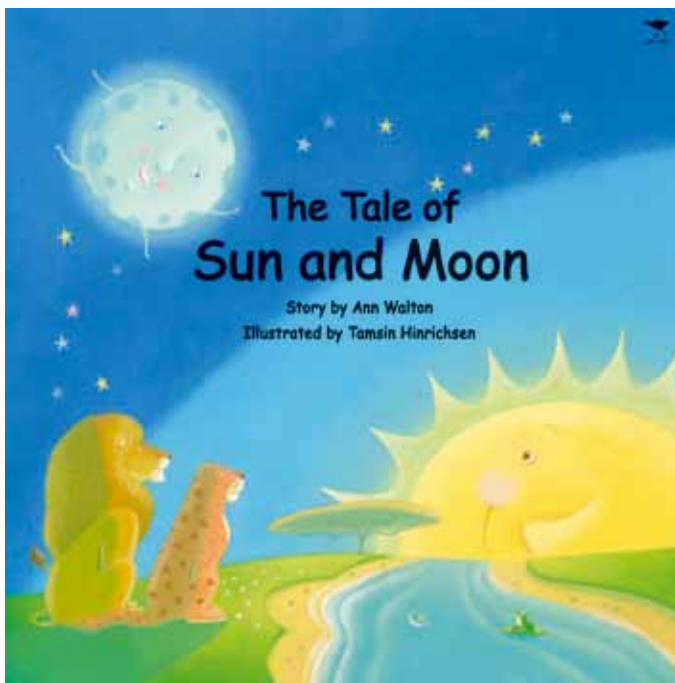
“So that night Leopard took Moon outside. Leopard flung her as far as she could into the air. As Moon sailed away, a sparkling trail of stars followed her and arranged themselves across the night sky.”

Discover how Sun came to live in the sky during the day, and Moon with her trail of stars came to live in the night time sky.

From award-winning author, Ann Walton, who won the prestigious Vivian Wilkes Prize in 2006. The magical illustrations of the antics of Leopard and Lion by Tamsin Hinrichsen will keep all children entranced.

Genre:	Children
Dimensions:	235 x 235mm, 32pp
Format:	Hardcover
Price:	R99.95
Author:	Ann Walton
Year of Publication:	2009
Publisher rights:	World
Languages:	English, Afrikaans, isiXhosa and isiZulu

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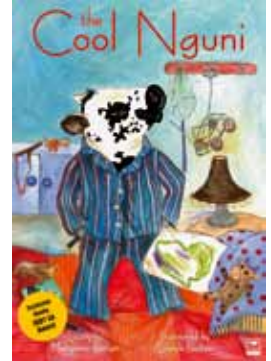
THE COOL NGUNI

Text by Maryanne Bester

Illustrations by Shayle Bester

The Cool Nguni is a richly illustrated story about a young Nguni calf who questions his identity in relation to other cattle breeds from across the sea. His mother tells him a tale of the origins and importance of his own breed, the indigenous Nguni. *The Cool Nguni* is one of the winners in the IBBY Exclusive Books Competition.

Genre:	Children
Dimensions:	297 x 210mm, 24pp
Format:	Softcover
Price:	Large format: R79.95
Author:	Maryanne Bester
Year of publication:	2007
Publisher rights:	World
Languages:	English, Afrikaans, isiZulu, isiXhosa, Tshivenda, Xitsonga, siSwati, Setswana, Sesotho, Sepedi and isiNdebele



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THE LONG TROUSERS

Text by Maryanne Bester

Illustrations by Shayle Bester

The next title in the Cool Nguni series is called *The Long Trousers*. In this new story, we find Gaps in the midst of frantic, colourful wedding preparations. His big sister is about to get married. Father Nguni Bull has given him a brand new pair of trousers to wear to the wedding, but they are MUCH too long!

Genre:	Children
Dimensions:	235 x 235mm, 32pp
Format:	Hardcover
Price:	R99.95
Author:	Maryanne Bester
Year of publication:	2008
Publisher rights:	World
Languages:	English, Afrikaans, isiZulu, isiXhosa, Tshivenda, Xitsonga, siSwati, Setswana, Sesotho, Sepedi and isiNdebele



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MEALIES AND BEANS

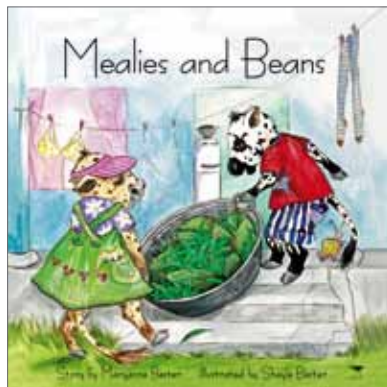
Text by Maryanne Bester

Illustrations by Shayle Bester

This is the third story about the Cool Nguni calf named Gaps. This time, Gaps and his cousin Sugarbean want to grow mealies and beans for the Farmers' Show. Will they win the prize for the best crop?

Genre:	Children
Dimensions:	240 x 240mm, 32pp
Format:	Hardcover
Price:	R99.95
Author:	Maryanne Bester
Year of Publication:	2008
Publisher Rights:	World
Languages:	English, Afrikaans, isiXhosa and isiZulu

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THE MISSING BALL

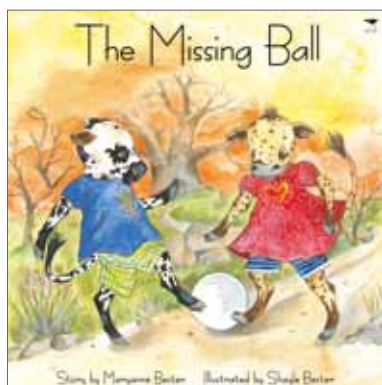
Text by Maryanne Bester

Illustrations by Shayle Bester

Gaps and his cousin Sugarbean want to play a game of soccer before sundown – but their ball is missing and hidden somewhere in a wonderful African setting. The fourth story in the Cool Nguni series helps build children's reading skills, while absorbing them in the lives of the imaginative characters.

Genre:	Children
Dimensions:	235 x 235mm, 32pp
Format:	Hardcover
Price:	R99.95
Author:	Maryanne Bester
Year of Publication:	2009
Publisher rights:	World
Languages:	English, Afrikaans, isiXhosa and isiZulu

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THREE FRIENDS AND A TAXI

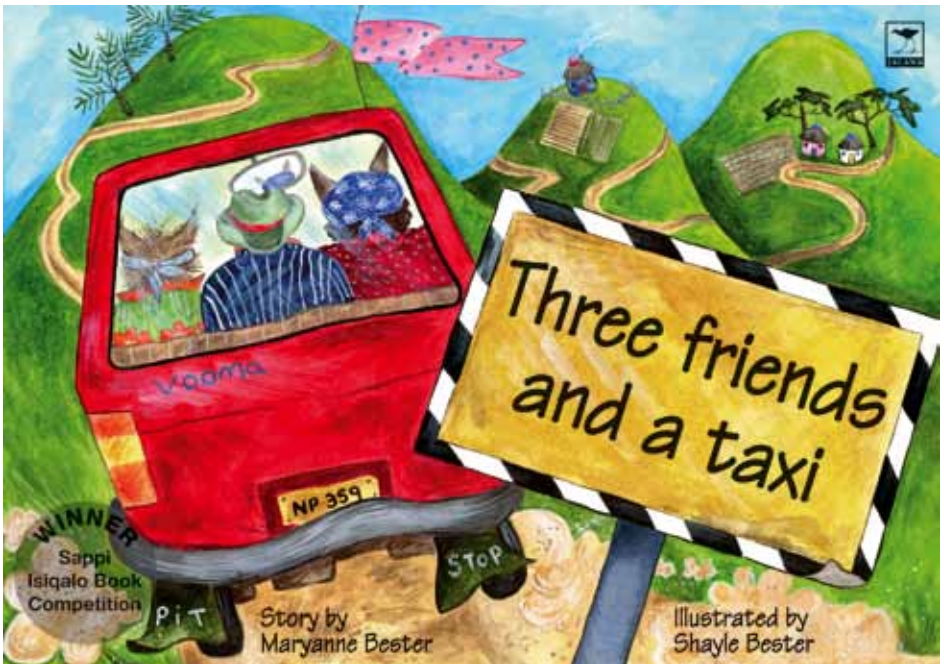
Text by Maryanne Bester

Illustrations by Shayle Bester

Three Friends and a Taxi is a tale first told to the author by a local guide in a taxi in the islands of the Comores. Sheep, Goat and Dog take a taxi to the sea and must face the consequences of their own actions when the time comes to pay the taxi fare. It is a tale told all across Africa, from Nigeria to the Comores to South Africa, and belongs to all of Africa and its people. *Three Friends and a Taxi* was a winner of the 2004 Sappi Isiqalo Book Competition, which encourages South African authors and illustrators to develop material with a local idiom to promote reading, writing and access to books for all. Approved by the National Department of Education as a Foundation Phase reader for Grades 1, 2 and 3.

Genre:	Children
Dimensions:	210 x 297mm, 24pp
Format:	Softcover
Price:	R79.95
Author:	Maryanne Bester
Year of publication:	2007
Publisher rights:	World
Languages:	English, Afrikaans, isiZulu, isiXhosa, Tshivenda, siSwati, Setswana, Sesotho, Sepedi, isiNdebele and Xitsonga

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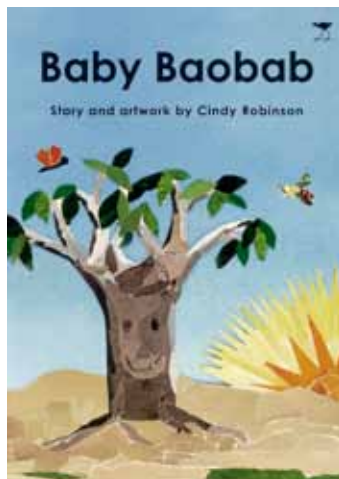
BABY BAOBAB

Text and artwork by Cindy Robinson

Baby Baobab may be the tallest, greenest tree, but can he learn to share? This beautiful retelling of a traditional African tale explains why the baobab seems to grow upside down with its roots in the air – with a cast of characters beautifully depicted in collage.

Genre:	Children
Dimensions:	241 x 170mm, 32pp
Format:	Softcover
Price:	R69.95
Author:	Cindy Robinson
Year of Publication:	2009
Publisher rights:	World
Languages:	English, Afrikaans, isiXhosa and isiZulu

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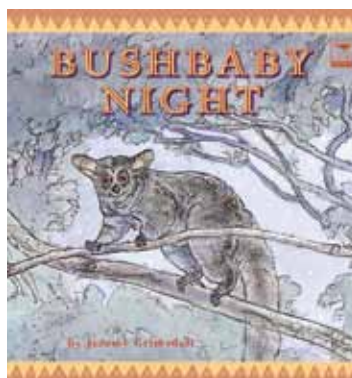
BUSHBABY NIGHT

Text and illustrations by Jeremy Grimsdell

The bushbabies in this book are called Greater (or Thick-tailed) Bushbabies. A full-grown Greater Bushbaby is about the size of a cat. They are only found in Africa, and live in forest and bush areas. This educational picture book for children (6–10 age group) takes the form of a story depicting the daily life and habits of the bushbaby. Jeremy (author & illustrator) has a background in animal ecology and was assisted by a scientific advisor, Dr Judith Masters of the University of KwaZulu-Natal, to develop the book.

Genre:	Children
Dimensions:	210 x 200mm, 32pp
Format:	Softcover
Price:	R120.00
Author:	Jeremy Grimsdell
Year of Publication:	2005
Publisher Rights:	World
Languages:	English, Afrikaans and isiZulu

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TAKING THE COWS HOME

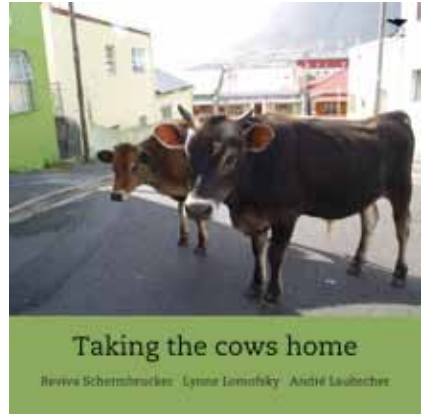
Text and photographs by Reviva Schermbrucker, Lynne Lomofsky and André Laubscher

Would you believe that there is a farm in the middle of Cape Town? Ducks, geese, pigs, sheep and cows live on André's farm, a stone's throw from the city centre. Read about Lynne and her dog, Famous, and the day they take André's missing cows home.

The story uses rhythmic text to help build children's reading skills.

Dimensions	170 x 170mm, 24pp
Genre:	Children
Format:	Softcover
Price:	R45.00
Author:	Reviva Schermbrucker, Lynne Lomofsky and André Laubscher
Year of publication:	2010
Publisher rights:	World
Languages:	English, Afrikaans, isiXhosa, isiZulu, Sesotho, Setswana, Sepedi and Xitsonga

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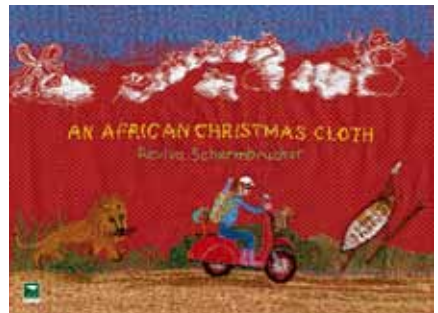
AN AFRICAN CHRISTMAS CLOTH

Text and embroidery by Reviva Schermbrucker

This is a visual, tongue-in-cheek South African 'concoction' – a unique fusion between cultures, with authentic South African detailing. There is foam snow and a sweaty watermelon pip-spitting Father Christmas licking melting ice-cream; a snowman made of hail; a Christmas thorn tree, home to yellow weaver birds and their nests, with ornaments of goggas and caterpillars; and there are Church of Zion members praying under the trees in the veld celebrating the coming of Christmas. **Approved by the National Department of Education as a Foundation Phase reader for Grades 1, 2 and 3.**

Dimensions	230 x 315mm, 36pp
Genre:	Children
Format:	Hardcover
Price:	R175.00
Author:	Reviva Schermbrucker
Year of publication:	2005
Publisher rights:	World
Languages:	English

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THE LITTLE EXPLORERS SERIES

Text by Carole Bloch and Lesley Geekie Dawe

Illustrations by Jean Fullalove, Wendy Hardie, Jiggs

Snaddon Wood and Nikki Jones

The Little Explorers series takes children on a journey to teach them more about the world around them. Each title is beautifully illustrated and easy for children to read themselves. **Approved by the National Department of Education as a Foundation Phase reader for Grades 1, 2 and 3.**

- *Shapes are Everywhere* shows children how to find different shapes in the beautiful world around us.
- *What are You Doing?* introduces children to the many different ways that children can find the written word.
- *Stop, Look and Listen* shows children essential elements of road safety while dodging wild animals in a national park.
- *It's Time!* takes us through all the things that happen in a normal day.
- *Oh No!* is the story of poor Dangoes, who has many things to do but falls ill and can't do them. She gets better, but then it starts to rain!
- *Lele Dreams* takes the reader on a fantastical journey to the clouds and the sea.

Genre:	Children
Dimensions:	170 x 170mm, 16–24pp
Format:	Softcover
Price:	R45.00 each
Author:	Carole Bloch and Lesley Geekie Dawe
Year of publication:	2008
Languages:	English, Afrikaans, isiZulu, isiXhosa, Tshivenda, Xitsonga, siSwati, Setswana, Sesotho, Sepedi and isiNdebele

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THE ZEBRA AND THE HYENA

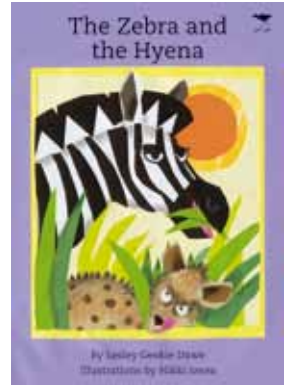
Text by Lesley Geekie Dawe

Artwork by Nikki Jones

The Zebra and the Hyena tells the story of how quick-thinking Zebra tricks hungry Hyena into not eating him for dinner, with very prickly results. This is a delightful tale with striking illustrations made of paper collage. Approved by the National Department of Education as a Foundation Phase reader for Grades 1, 2 and 3.

Genre:	Children
Dimensions:	240 x 170mm, 16pp
Format:	Softcover
Price:	R55.00
Author:	Lesley Geekie Dawe
Year of publication:	2008
Publisher rights:	South African rights
Languages:	English, Afrikaans, isiZulu, isiXhosa, Tshivenda, Xitsonga, siSwati, Setswana, Sesotho, Sepedi and isiNdebele

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BOOKS ARE FRIENDS

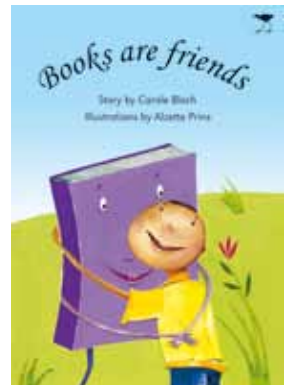
Text by Carole Bloch

Illustrations by Alzette Prins

Books are Friends highlights through rich text the amazing and FUN world of reading and books, from reading in the bath, to taking care of books and sharing ideas. A commendable story with illustrations by award-winning artist, Alzette Prins. Approved by the National Department of Education as a Foundation Phase reader for Grades 1, 2 and 3.

Genre:	Children
Dimensions:	240 x 170mm, 24pp
Format:	Softcover
Price:	R55.00
Author:	Carole Bloch
Year of publication:	2008
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Languages:	English, Afrikaans, isiZulu, isiXhosa, Tshivenda, Xitsonga, siSwati, Setswana, Sesotho, Sepedi and isiNdebele

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SOMETHING TO DO

Text by Ann Walton

Illustrations by Natalie Hinrichsen

Using rhythmic text to help build children's reading skills, combined with gorgeous illustrations, *Something to do* tells the charming story of how sharing a book can brighten your day.

From award-winning author, Ann Walton, who won the prestigious Vivian Wilkes Prize in 2006 and illustrated by Natalie Hinrichsen.

Genre:	Children
Dimensions:	170 x 170mm, 24pp
Format:	Softcover
Price:	R55.00
Author:	Ann Walton
Year of publication:	2009
Publisher rights:	World
Languages:	English, Afrikaans, isiXhosa and isiZulu

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A FRIEND FOR ASANDA

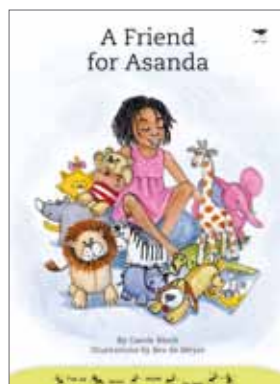
Text by Carole Bloch

Illustrations by Bev de Meyer

As Mama watches from afar, Asanda visits the animals in her world looking for a new friend. The gorgeous drawings in the book help tell the story of little Asanda to children aged between 2 and 7. The story introduces them to many animals, from Mischievous Cat to Crazy Crocodile, at the same time as promoting a love for reading. Which animal will Asanda choose to be her friend? Children can also interact with the book by hunting for the ants on every page.

Genre:	Children
Dimensions:	240 x 170mm, 20pp
Format:	Softcover
Price:	R55.00
Author:	Carole Bloch
Year of publication:	2008
Publisher rights:	World
Languages:	English, Afrikaans, isiZulu, isiXhosa, Sesotho, Xitsonga, Sepedi, Tshivenda, isiNdebele, siSwati and Setswana

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FICTION FOR YOUNG ADULTS

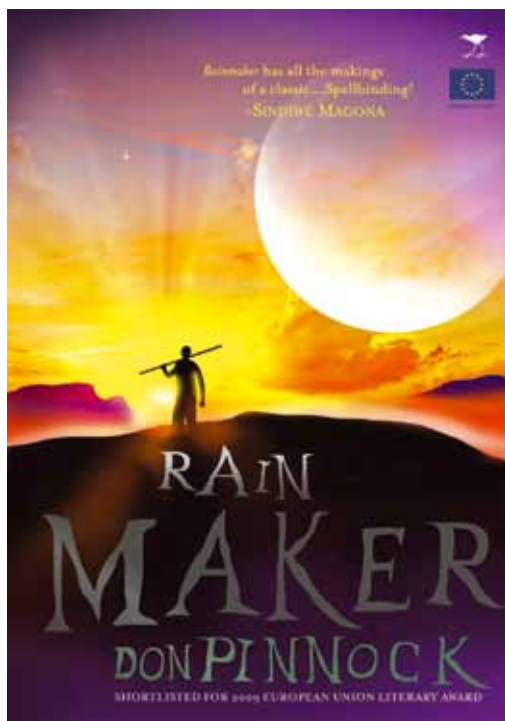
RAINMAKER

Don Pinnock

*"I was from the First People, the magicians of Africa, the Healers,
the Rainmakers. A Keeper."*

Hiding from the wrath of a feared mafia boss who he has wounded, a young gangster named Ky finds himself unknowingly tested as a San shaman. Near to death from illness and deep in forbidding mountains, he passes the trial of his ancestors and becomes a rainmaker. But his unwillingness to believe he may have shamanistic talent causes conflict with his patient Xam teacher, who guides him in ancient, subtle ways. Could he be /Kaggan, the Awaited One, or just a gangster on the run? And who is stalking him in the magical world on the Other Side?

Genre:	Young adults
Dimensions:	210 x 148mm, 144pp
Format:	Paperback
Price:	R135.00
ISBN:	978-1-77009-502-1
Author:	Don Pinnock
Year of publication:	2010
Publisher rights:	World
Languages:	English



BLOOD'S MIST

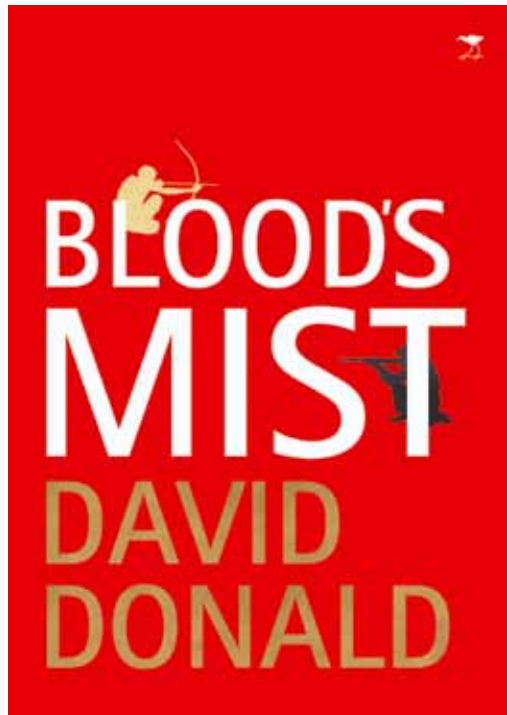
David Donald

“He fell asleep...only to find himself caught up in a frightening dream. Mist was swirling all around him: thick mist, cold and threatening – !Khwa’s mist. Then cries and screams echoed out of the dense, white blanket. Swirling, smoking, the mist turned the colour of blood.”

A tale told in an unforgiving time, *Blood's Mist* weaves a gripping drama of two families. In this meticulously researched and insightful story, the worlds of /Kaunu and Richard, a Bushman and a British settler, are linked by history and circumstance, and a clash is inevitable. The questions and discoveries that arise are the stuff of a captivating historical novel. With a richness and wonder that is reminiscent of Dalene Matthee at her best, David Donald delivers a vibrant, powerful and compelling read.

David Donald is an explorer, a father, grandfather and perhaps not unsurprisingly, a storyteller. Emeritus Professor of Educational Psychology at the University of Cape Town, his recent venture into fiction builds upon neglected aspects of South African history and cultural experience.

Genre:	Young adults
Dimensions:	210 x 148mm, 288pp
Format:	Paperback
Price:	R165.00
ISBN:	978-1-77009-664-6
Author:	David Donald
Year of Publication:	2009
Publisher rights:	World
Languages:	English



CALL ON THE WIND

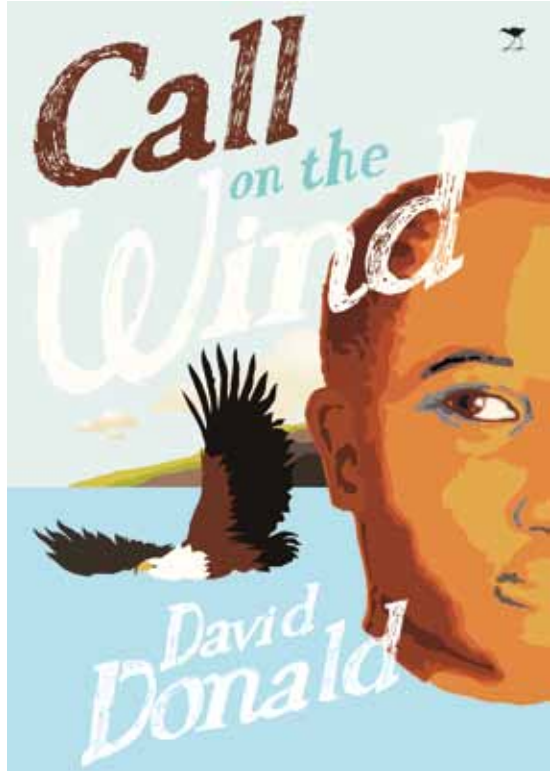
David Donald

*“The wind blew gently off-shore, and the swells rolled slow and straight into the mouth of the cove. But when he turned around to look for the fish eagle in its dead tree, it was not there. He could hear it calling far up in the forest. Isaak was scared....
‘Please, please don’t go out today!’”*

Call on the Wind tells the story of Isaak and Liesa who grow up in a small Griqua fishing village on the Tsitsikamma coast. Isaak and Liesa struggle with their identity, their life choices and their love for one another. Does Isaak leave the village and become a musician or does he feel too responsible for the livelihood of the village? Can Liesa acknowledge her true feelings for Isaak? The story is set around the fate of the community and their fight to survive.

Together with its historical truth, the characters of the community and the flavour of their interactions, this novel is authentic and uniquely South African. Donald has woven an exciting story of tragedy and bravery, of action and poignancy, and ultimately of a strong spirit of resilience.

Genre:	Young adults
Dimensions:	210 x 148mm, 128pp
Format:	Paperback
Price:	R110.00
ISBN:	978-1-77009-360-7
Author:	David Donald
Year of publication:	2007
Publisher rights:	World
Languages:	English

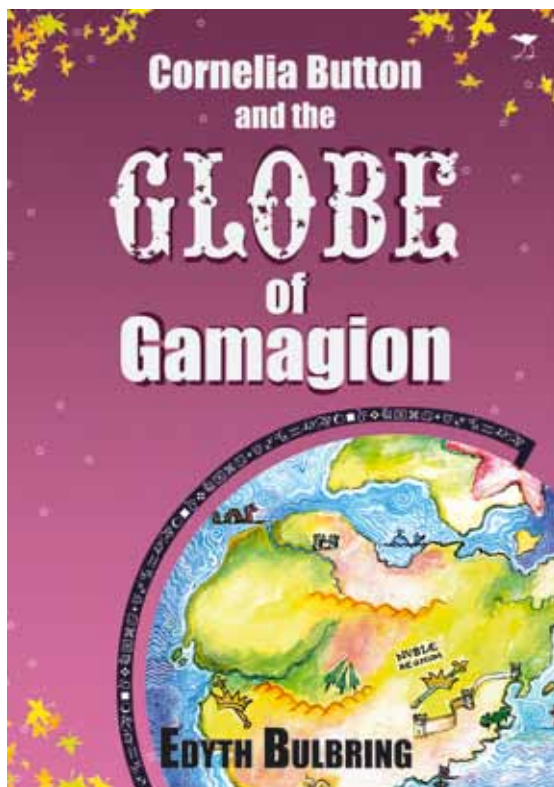


CORNELIA BUTTON AND THE GLOBE OF GAMAGION

Edyth Bulbring

Cornelia Button and the Globe of Gamagion is the story of three children living in Bez Valley, Johannesburg. They all have dreams. Cornelia Button's dream is to be a famous singer, but she can't sing for toffee. Her sister Maude is seriously out of sorts over the birth of her baby brother and wants to be a gypsy princess so that she can cast spells and make him disappear. And their friend, Zwelabo Maluleke, who is a nerd, wants to be a brave hero like his mysterious, absent father. This beautifully crafted fantasy weaves between the real world of Bez Valley and the imaginary Kingdom of Gamagion. Besides telling an original and entertaining story, the book provides insight into the everyday, real lives of South Africans.

Genre:	Young adult
Dimensions:	210 x 148mm, 208pp
Format:	Paperback
Price:	R125.00
ISBN:	978-1-77009-501-4
Author:	Edyth Bulbring
Year of publication:	2008
Publisher rights:	World
Language:	English



SHARP SHARP, ZULU DOG

Anton Ferreira

Vusi, an eleven-year-old Zulu boy growing up in poverty in rural South Africa, is enchanted by the helpless puppy he finds in the bush and adopts it as his own. He names it Gillette for its razor-sharp teeth and hides it from his mother, who disapproves of a bush dog as a pet. His devotion to Gillette only grows stronger after the puppy is mauled by a leopard and loses a leg. While Vusi and Gillette learn to hunt together, they meet the daughter of a neighbouring white farmer. Gillette becomes the catalyst for their unlikely friendship, which has a decisive impact on Vusi's whole family – and the larger community.

Genre:	Young adults
Dimensions:	210 x 148mm; 212pp
Format:	Paperback
Price:	R135.00
ISBN:	978-1-919931-91-3
Author:	Anton Ferreira
Year of Publication:	2003
Publisher Rights:	South African rights
Languages:	English



THE STORY OF LUCKY SIMELANE

Robin Malan

Lucky has been brought up in a small rural black community. But is he really black? The others tease him because of his light brown eyes and blond hair. He has vague notions of having been abducted from his white family, and there are remnants of Afrikaans words somewhere in his head. So Lucky sets out on a quest to discover who he is. What is it to be African? What does a family mean to a growing child? Does it matter what language you speak or think in? In the end, who is Lucky? And can Lucky cope with being Lucky?

Genre:	Young adults
Dimensions:	190 x 135mm, 129pp
Format:	Paperback
Price:	R125.00
ISBN:	978-1-77009-091-0
Author:	Robin Malan
Year of Publication:	2005
Publisher Rights:	World
Languages:	English

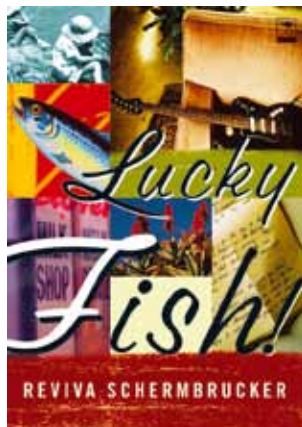


LUCKY FISH!

Reviva Schermbrucker

Lucky Fish! is a novel set in Johannesburg during the 1960s and is told by a 13-year-old boy named Stephen. This account of Stephen's life during the apartheid regime, when his parents, Ivor and Lucy, became political prisoners at the same time, is remarkable for its authenticity and freshness. There is no tub-thumping or heavy political speech and no ideological asides, but rather genuine, guileless writing.

Genre:	Young adults
Dimensions:	210 x 148 mm, 212 pp
Format:	Paperback
Price:	R145.00
ISBN:	978-1-919931-73-9
Author:	Reviva Schermbrucker
Year of Publication:	2003
Publisher Rights:	World
Languages:	English



NON-FICTION FOR YOUNG ADULTS

EXPLORING ANIMALS (BOXED SET)

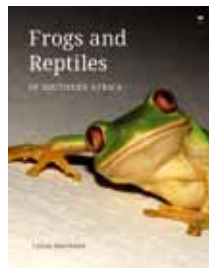
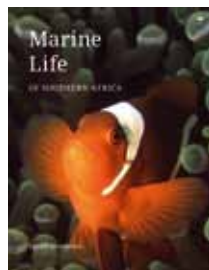
Lynne Matthews

FORTHCOMING

- Birds
- Frogs and Reptiles
- Insects and Other Invertebrates
- Mammals
- Marine Life

Filled with fascinating facts, this series looks at the extraordinary animals living in southern Africa. Discover the amazing adaptations that animals have developed in order to survive. Find out about their lifecycles, the places they live, why some keep territories, why they migrate or hibernate, how they find a mate and escape predators, and how they interact with one another. The sections on conservation matters and animal classification introduce new ways of thinking. Full-colour photographs, beautiful illustrations, fun activities, and informative text will help you understand what the lives of these animals are all about.

Genre:	Young adults
Dimensions:	280 x 215mm, 72pp
Format:	Hardcover
Price:	Boxed set R1 000.00
ISBNs:	Boxed set 978-1-77009-766-7
Author:	Lynne Matthews
Year of publication:	2010
Publisher rights:	World
Languages:	English



Why do waterbuck have a toilet-seat shape on their behinds?

What bird is the crocodile's friend?

What insect breathes out the tip of its tail?

What male fish becomes pregnant and gives birth?

How do frogs breathe through their skin?

EXPLORING OUR PROVINCES (BOXED SET)

Mike Cadman

Eastern Cape	Mpumalanga
Free State	Northern Cape
Gauteng	North West
KwaZulu-Natal	Western Cape
Limpopo	

In an effort to improve and widen the knowledge of all South Africans about crucial aspects of South Africa's geography, history, environment, tourism, economy and culture, a series of books called Exploring Our Provinces has been developed. The books cover each of South Africa's nine provinces and include easy to understand, fact-filled information on the people, animals, plants and places that make up this warm country. In addition to the hundreds of interesting facts, each book in the series contains detailed maps, colour photographs and beautiful artwork.

Created for school and medium-level literacy readers, each book includes guides for facilitators on how to use the information to best help learners read and apply the knowledge they gain. There is also an activity section with fun riddles and crossword puzzles relating to the information in each book, and a list of websites and reference books for readers wishing to research further on their own.

Genre:	Young adults
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Format:	Hardcover
Price:	Boxed set R1 710.00
ISBNs:	English boxed set 978-1-77009-348-5 Afrikaans boxed set 978-1-77009-742-1
Author:	Mike Cadman
Year of publication:	2007
Publisher rights:	World
Languages:	English and Afrikaans



EXPLORING OUR BIOMES (BOXED SET)

Karoline Hanks

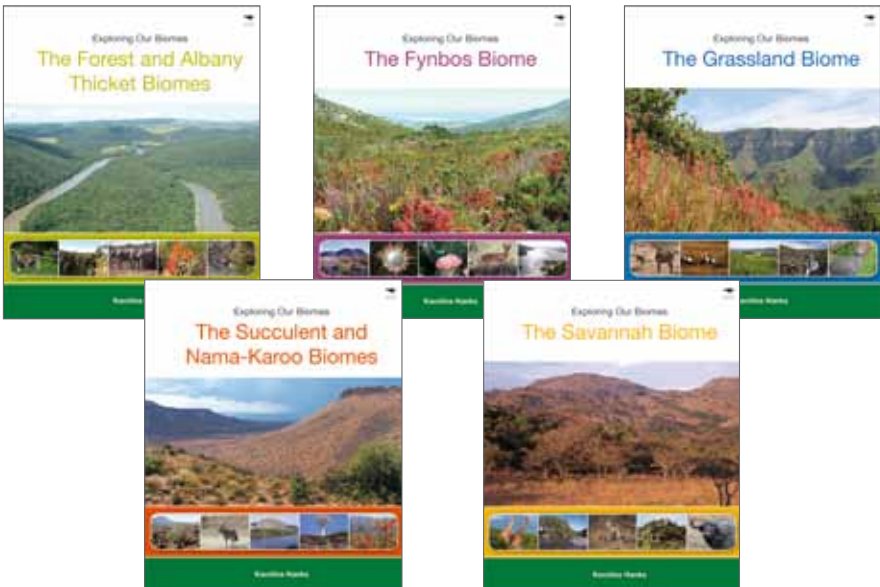
The Forest and Albany Thicket Biomes
The Fynbos Biome
The Grassland Biome
The Savannah Biome
The Succulent and Nama-Karoo Biomes

This series of five books has been designed to provide easy to understand, fact-filled information on:

- key influences, such as climate, soils and fire;
- plant and animal adaptations;
- some of the different regions within each biome;
- future threats to the biome; and
- current conservation initiatives.

The books have been written for learners looking for reliable and concise information on the biomes of South Africa. An activities section is included. The books will be useful for school projects as reference material, and for discussions in the classroom.

Genre: Young adults
Dimensions: 233 x 192mm, 72pp per book
Format: Hardcover
Price: Boxed set R1 000.00
ISBN: Boxed set 978-1-77009-679-0
Author: Karoline Hanks
Year of Publication: 2009
Publisher rights: World
Languages: English



GREAT PEOPLE, GREAT PLACES (BOXED SET)

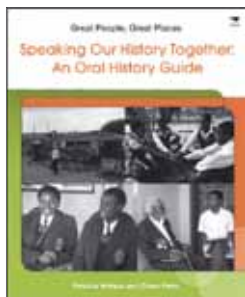
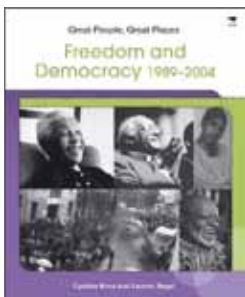
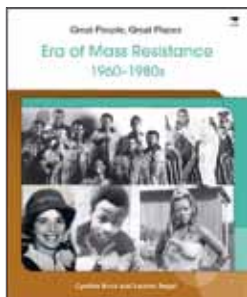
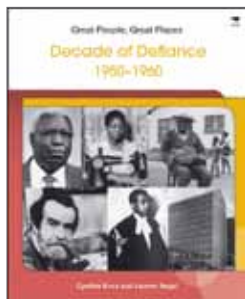
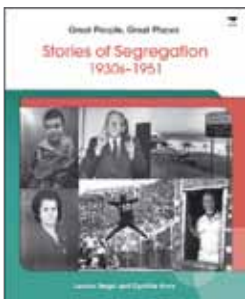
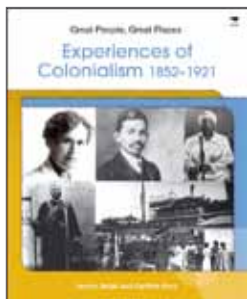
Diane Favis, Cynthia Kros, Lauren Segal and Patricia Watson

Experiences of Colonialism (1852–1921)
Stories of Segregation (1930s–1951)
Decade of Defiance (1950–1960)
Era of Mass Resistance (1960–1980s)
Freedom and Democracy (1989–2004)
Speaking our History Together: A Guide to Oral History

In this series, we proudly explore our heritage by examining the people who have contributed to making South Africa what it is today. There are six books in the series. The first five contain stories of people and events from different historical periods. The sixth book is a practical guide for both learners and teachers on how to conduct an oral history project.

The books include activities pages and lists of websites and reference books for readers to study further.

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Publisher Rights:	World
Languages:	English



EXPLORING OUR NATIONAL DAYS (BOXED SET)

Sahm Venter

Human Rights Day – 21 March
Freedom Day – 27 April
Workers Day – 1 May
Youth Day – June 16
Women's Day – 9 August
Heritage Day – 24 September
Day of Reconciliation – 16 December

In an effort to improve and widen the knowledge of all South Africans about crucial aspects of South Africa's history, a series of books called *Exploring Our National Days* has been developed. The books cover South Africa's historical path, from the 1868 Battle of Voortrekker versus the Zulus (*Day of Reconciliation*); to the Women's March in 1956 (*Women's Day*); the Sharpeville Massacre of 1960 (*Human Rights' Day*); the Soweto Uprisings of 1976 (*Youth Day*); up to the day officially recognised as the birth of South African democracy (*Freedom Day*). The series also covers *Workers' Day* and *Heritage Day*.

The books provide thumbnail sketches of some of the key players in the unfolding drama of South African history, making the links between history and contemporary society clear. Created for readers still at school, the series provides simple and easily accessible accounts of important days in the history of South Africa. They include guides for teachers and facilitators on how to use the information in the books to best help learners read and apply the knowledge they gain. The books also list the best places to visit in order to teach people about each national day.

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EXPLORING ANIMALS (Boxed set)

Lynne Matthews

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- Insects and Other Invertebrates
- Mammals
- Marine Life



