

**Niq Mhlongo**  
**Dog Eats Dog**

A semi-autobiographical account of growing up in Hillbrow, one of the suburbs of Johannesburg, told with wit, humour and heart-rending insight.

**Beverley Naidoo**  
**Journey to Jo'burg**

A classic children's story that should be read by every adult. This is the story of love, commitment and the flowering of the human spirit against the background of South Africa's apartheid.

**Alan Paton**  
**Cry, the Beloved Country**

An indisputable South African classic – the story of the Reverend Khumalo's journey to Johannesburg in search of his errant son, and of the help given him by Father Vincent and the Rev. Msimangu.

**Mongane Serote**  
**To Every Birth its Blood**

Alexandra Township, just outside Johannesburg, and the people who live there are the characters in this book. You will discover the links in a chain of extended families, friendships, street gangs and political groups.

**Tom Sharpe**  
**Riotous Assembly**

Bitting satire on the South African police got him expelled from the country. Your mind will boggle at the sheer murderous lunacy of Kommandant van Heerden, Luitnant Verkramp and Konstabel Els.

**Ishtyaq Shukri**  
**The Silent Minaret**

A thriller set amongst the South African community living in London. Issa, a student, vanishes without trace. Friends and neighbours reconstruct their memories of him, looking for clues in the past that might explain this riddle.

**Gillian Slovo**  
**Red Dust**

Political thriller by the daughter of two leading South African anti-apartheid activists, examining the process of truth and reconciliation in the new South Africa. You will not be able to put this book down.

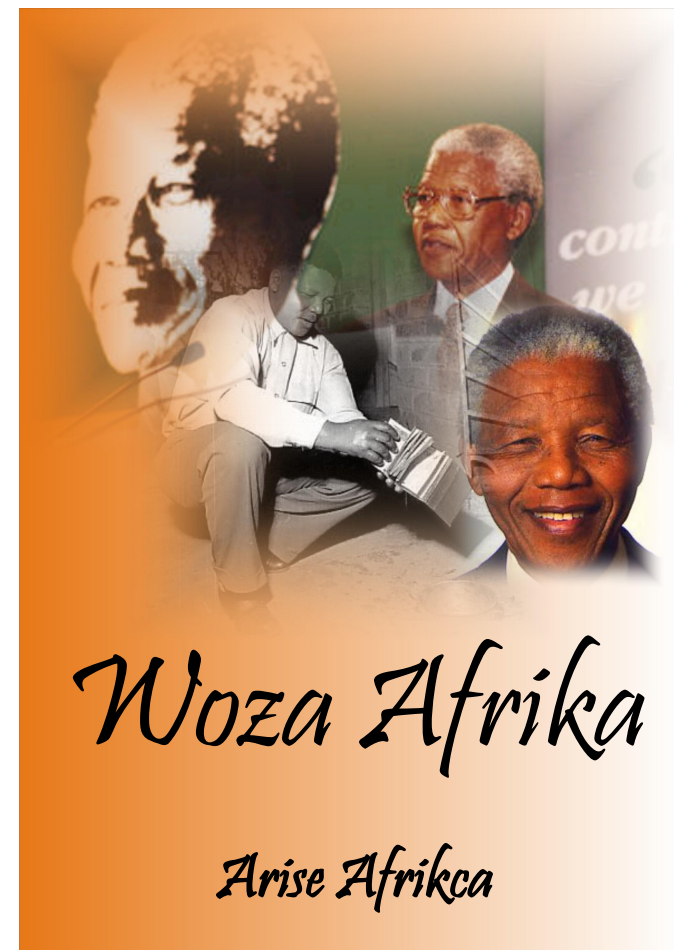
**Zoe Wicomb**  
**Playing in the Light**

Set in a beautifully rendered 1990s Cape Town, this novel revolves around Marion, a woman of Afrikaner background, who hates travelling but nonetheless runs a travel agency, and her complex relationship with Brenda, the first black woman she has ever employed.

**Rachel Zadok**  
**Gem Squash Tokoloshe**

Novel about a young girl growing up in South Africa with her disturbed mother: a sensitively written, perceptive story. "Tokoloshe" means goblin in Zulu.

Thanks to David Kenvyn of East Dunbartonshire Library for the descriptions of the books in this leaflet.



**Celebrating the  
90th Birthday of  
Nelson Mandela**

**18th July 2008**

**Fiction from and about  
South Africa at Shetland  
Library**

**Andre Brink****The Other Side of Silence**

Brink always challenges his readers to think about the moral dilemmas facing his characters. This book tells the fate of one young woman in German South West Africa.

**John Buchan****Prester John**

A story of imperial adventure in South Africa by the author of the Richard Hannay novels. But will you be on the side of the Rev. John Lamola?

**Maxine Case****All We Have Left Unsaid**

Danika believes she is able to cope with anything. Now, as she keeps a lonely vigil at her mother's hospital bed, she is confronted by the dark secrets of her childhood in Cape Town in the 1980s.

**J.M. Coetzee****The Life and Times of Michael K**

A bleak vision of South Africa's future, written before Mandela's release.

**Achmat Dangor****Bitter Fruit**

A story of truth and reconciliation in the and what happens when perpetrators refuse to accept responsibility for what they have done.

**David Evans****A Touch of the Sun**

A stunning and very honest account of a young boy growing up white in apartheid South Africa. A family secret will change his life for ever.

**Sir Percy Fitzpatrick****Jock of the Bushveld**

A classic of South African literature, which cannot be left out of a list like this, especially because of the Scottish connection.

**Giles Foden****Ladysmith**

Account of the siege of Ladysmith in the Boer War. Wellington Maseko, a young boy, risks his life running between enemy lines to carry messages to the British.

**Damon Galgut****The Good Doctor**

A young doctor tries to make a difference in post-apartheid South Africa. This is a beautifully written, elegiac account of the building of the Rainbow Nation.

**Nadine Gordimer****Burger's Daughter**

This is a classic fictional account of the struggle against apartheid, by a world renowned author. The heroine is the daughter of an imprisoned anti-apartheid leader, and this story tells of how she comes to terms with her political inheritance. This is a book that you must read.

**Christopher Hope****My Mother's Lovers**

His mother's mad, and has lovers coming out of her ears. His country is even madder - apartheid South Africa and its aftermath.

**Shaun Johnson****The Native Commissioner**

A heart-wrenching portrayal of a kind and conscientious man who felt himself cast adrift under the weight of apartheid.

**Alex La Guma****A Walk in the Night and Other Stories**

If you are new to Alex La Guma, you are in for a treat. This is a collection of exuberant, life-enhancing stories about Cape Town's District Six before it was bull-dozed by the apartheid regime.

**Mandla Langa****The Memory of Stones**

Based upon the author's experience of exile in the UK, 'The Memory of Stones' is a novel about Zadwa, a sophisticated young graduate, and her clashes with men who subscribe to traditional attitudes and values towards women.

**Zakes Mda****The Whale Caller**

The whale caller is living a quiet life in his bungalow on South Africa's Cape, spending his days calling to the whales out at sea. His life is peaceful if a little eccentric until a drunken woman in stilettos invades his solitude.

**Deon Meyer****Dead at Daybreak**

An antiques dealer is killed, and the only clues are a scrap of blank paper and the unusual weapon used. Ex-policeman Zed van Heerden has 14 days to find the killer and solve the crime.