



NEWSLETTER JANUARY/FEBRUARY 2016

2015 was a whirlwind year for us. We moved back to Kensington Square, had many amazing functions with some of the biggest names in the industry, did two school tours with two of the biggest children's authors, award winning **Niki Daly** and the UK Children's Laureate, **Chris Riddell**. We toured with the enormously popular **Hooked on Books** in the second term, which we are excited to do again this year.

The constant fluctuation of the rand has resulted in a large price increase on all imported books. We are in constant talks with our suppliers and publishers about better pricing and hope that as the rand grows stronger these prices will stabilize and drop to reasonable levels.

This year we kick off our functions with our February coffee morning.

February Coffee Morning

Join us for the first Coffee Morning for the year!
Seating is limited to 30 people so please book early to avoid disappointment.

Date: Tuesday, 9th February 2016

Time: 9:45 for 10am

Venue: Shop 2 Kensington Square, Durban North

Niki Daly has released an amazing book titled **Nicholas and the Wild Ones** which deals with bullying. We are happy to announce that he will visit us again this year for a promotional school tour! We are excited to host Neil Roake's **More Life's a Beach** at his restaurant *The Freedom Café* in Morningside. These dates will be confirmed soon! Keep an eye out for these and other upcoming functions and promotions.

Do you belong to a book club? Did you know that we offer one the best book club discounts in Durban? We offer fantastic discounts on ALL fiction and biographies, when you spend...

R300 to R400 – discount of 10%

R401 to R 550 – discount of 15%

R551 to R800 – discount of 20%

R801 or more – discount of 25%

Purchase your book club books from us in February and stand a chance to win a fantastic book hamper worth over R1000 plus two bottles of wine!

NEW ADULT FICTION

Bitter Season by Tami Hoag

Detectives Kovac and Liska are no longer partners. Each is missing the other while they are working their respective cases. Little do they know that soon their harrowing cases will overlap. The complex but exciting plot follows the threads of both cases, weaving back and forth until pulling them together with an unexpected twist at the end.

The High Mountains of Portugal by Yann Martel

From the bestselling author of *Life of Pi*, comes the first novel in six years.

Lisbon 1904-Young Tomás discovers an old journal which hints at the existence of an extraordinary artefact, he sets out in search of this strange treasure. Thirty-five years later, a Portuguese pathologist devoted to the murder mysteries of Agatha Christie finds himself drawn into the consequences of Tomás's quest. Fifty years on, a Canadian senator takes refuge in Portugal while grieving the loss of his wife. Here, the century-old quest will come to an unexpected conclusion.

Golden Age by Jane Smiley

This is the third and final novel in *The Hundred Years Trilogy* about the sprawling history of the Langdon family. The previous titles are *Some Luck* and *Early Warning*. We first met them in 1918, right after WW1, and watched how they've grown and spread across the U.S. during the twentieth and twenty-first centuries. An absorbing read, sure to satisfy readers who enjoy family sagas.

Great Zoo of China by Matthew Reilly

Bestselling author of *The Tournament* thrills with this action packed novel set in China. A must for fans of Michael Crichton!

Song of Shadows by John Connolly

Recovering from a near-fatal shooting Charlie Parker has retreated to Boreas to recover. There he befriends Ruth Winter, a woman hiding from her past, where the forces that threaten her have their origins in the Second World War. Old atrocities are about to be unearthed, and old sinners will kill to hide their sins. Parker is about to risk his life to defend a woman he barely knows, one who fears him almost as much as she fears those who are coming for her.

At The Water's Edge by Sara Gruen

Three wealthy Americans decide to search for the Loch Ness monster, while WW II rages on. Sara Gruen skillfully weaves, grief, stolen love, drug addiction, treachery, mental illness, the atrocities of war, human kindness, and friendship that ignores class distinctions and renews hope in the human spirit. Author of bestselling novel *Water for Elephants*.

The Year of Marvellous Ways by Sarah Winman

Bestselling author of *When God was a Rabbit*. Marvellous Ways, a ninety-year-old woman has lived in a remote creek nearly all her life. Freddy Drake, reeling from war, literally washes up in Marvellous' creek, broken in body and spirit. When Marvellous comes to his aid, an unlikely friendship grows between the two. Can they help each other find what they're looking for?

Blood on Snow by Jo Nesbo

A new series from the bestselling author of the Harry Hole books.

A God in Ruins by Kate Atkinson

In *Life After Life* Ursula Todd lived through the turbulent events of the last century again and again. In *A God in Ruins*, Atkinson turns her focus on Ursula's beloved younger brother Teddy – would-be poet, RAF bomber pilot, husband and father – as he navigates the perils and progress of the 20th century.

The Blue between Sky and Water by Susan Abulhawa

From the internationally bestselling author of *Mornings in Jenin*, a novel about four generations of powerful Palestinian women in Gaza. A well written and topical novel, highly recommended by Kash.

NEW NON FICTION

A Mother's Reckoning by Sue Klebold

On April 20, 1999, Eric Harris and Dylan Klebold walked into Columbine High School in Littleton, Colorado. Over the course of minutes, they killed twelve students, a teacher and wounded twenty-four others before taking their own lives. For the last sixteen years, Sue Klebold, Dylan's mother, has lived with the indescribable grief and shame of that day. How could her child, the promising young man she had loved and raised, be responsible for such horror and how, as his mother, had she not known something was wrong? What could she have done differently?

Leaving Before the Rains Come PB by Alexandra Fuller

Bestselling author of *Don't Let's go to the Dogs Tonight*, Alexandra Fuller, is a child of the Rhodesian wars and daughter of two deeply complicated parents. No stranger to pain, the disintegration of her marriage leaves her shattered. Looking to pick up the pieces of her life, she finally confronts the tough questions about her past, about the American man she married, and about the family she left behind in Africa.

Continental Shift by by Kevin Bloom

From pillaged mines in Zimbabwe to the creation of an economic marketplace in Ethiopia; from Namibia's entrepreneurial middle class to the technological challenges facing 21st Century Nollywood (Nigeria); from China's investment in Botswana to the rush for resources in the Congo; and from the birth of Africa's newest country, South Sudan, to the ongoing conflict in CAR; here are eight adventures on the trail of a new Africa.

NEW TEEN FICTION

Liam Scott 03 The New Enemy by Andy MacNab

Liam Scott has joined Recce Platoon, and it looks like he will be heading for Somalia. His mission is to gather intelligence from behind enemy lines, carrying out top-secret surveillance and dead-letter drops. Soon Liam is monitoring a den of Al Shabaab militants and hunting a key terrorist target. Can Recce Platoon find their man and get out undiscovered? If the militants find them first, it's game over . . .

It Girl 02 Team Awkward by Katy Birchall

If everything Anna does is going to be seen by more than 10 million people, then she's determined to find something that she's really good at. Everyone else seems to have a 'thing' – especially the new girl at school, who's been distracting Connor with their shared love of art. Luckily the school sports day is looming, and Anna is limbering up! What could go wrong?

A Thousand Nights by E K Johnson

When Lo-Melkhiin - a formidable king - arrives at her desert home, she knows that he will take her beautiful sister for a wife. Desperate to save her sister from certain death, she makes the ultimate sacrifice - leaving home and family behind to live with a fearful man. Finding power in storytelling, the words she speaks are given a strange life of their own. Little things, at first: a dress from home, a vision of her sister. But she dreams of bigger, more terrible magic: power enough to save a king . . . if only she can stop her heart from falling for a monster.

Zululand Gold by Ian Tennant

Craig's recent brush with death in *Zululand Snow*, should have doused his adventurous spirit, but it hasn't! He finds himself intrigued by a 100-year-old legend of lost gold. Shrouded in mystery, too incredible to believe in but too tantalizing to resist he sets off on a quest to find this treasure!

Local author, Ian Tennant grew up in a small town in Zululand and these stories are loosely based on his experiences as a young boy looking for adventure!

KID'S 10-12 YEARS

The Butterfly Club by Jaqueline Wilson

This is a heart-warming story about Tina, who was born smaller than her sisters and with a small heart. She is afraid of the class bully, with whom she has to do a project. If you like Jacqueline Wilson, this won't disappoint. At the end of the book there are puzzles, facts about butterflies, a recipe for butterfly cakes and a fun quiz!

The Last Kids on Earth by Max Brallier

Ever since the monster apocalypse hit town, thirteen-year-old Jack Sullivan has been living in his tree house, which he's armed to the teeth with catapults and a moat. Jack alone is no match for the hordes of zombies and wretches, so with help of his friends Jack is going to slay zombie leader Blarg and achieve apocalyptic success!

Popular Dr Seuss Titles Available in Afrikaans!



KID'S 5 – 9 YEARS

Secret Agent Mummy 03 Hieroglyphs of Horror by Steve Cole

Niall Rivers' life changed forever when he met a strange, clumsy figure wrapped in bandages, and now his adventures with the last surviving ancient mummy detective continue. This time, the pair are up against a bunch of snap-happy crocodiles, some spooky magic symbols, a tartan-clad McMummy and a power-mad Ancient Egyptian god!

Romans on the Rampage 01 Jail Break by Jeremy Strong

Perilus is a Roman boy who is crazy about chariot racing. He loves to practice in his own homemade chariot (pulled by the family goat) and dreams of riding in the Circus Maximus one day. But when Perilus's hero, the brilliant charioteer Scorcha, goes missing on the day of the big race, Perilus finds his wish coming true sooner than he'd imagined!

The Dragonsitter to the Rescue by Josh Lacy

Eddie takes the dragons with him on his half-term trip to London, but it's not long before disaster strikes and both dragons go missing. From the Natural History Museum to the London Eye, through tube stations, hotels and London Zoo, Eddie chases his dragons, hoping to avert disaster. But there's no smoke without a fire...

Chicken Mission Chaos in The Kitchen by Jennifer Gray

Danger is looming over Cluckbridge Town. A cobra has escaped from the local zoo and is after the local birdlife and if that isn't bad enough, the dastardly Most Wanted Club are back and causing trouble! Can Agent Cluckbucket and the Elite Chicken Squad vaporise the cobra's venom and keep the birds of Cluckbridge safe? From the award-winning author of the *Atticus Claw* series.

Zoo Boy by Sophie Thompson

On his ninth birthday Vince discovers he has a special "gift". He can talk to animals! You think this is amazing? Perhaps you should meet the spoiled and demanding zoo animals that Vince encounters. There's a penguin who wants fish fingers, a flamingo that wants pink candyfloss and an owl that wants sugared mice. Vince is expected to meet their demands but everyone seems to have forgotten about that it is his birthday!

2015 November/December Highlights if You've Missed them!

See Me by Nicholas Sparks (fiction)

Colin Hancock is focused on getting his teaching degree and avoiding everything that proved destructive in his past. The last thing he's looking for is a serious relationship but when he crosses paths with Maria Sanchez, his life is turned upside down.

After You by Jojo Moyes (fiction)

In this unexpected sequel to *Me Before You*, Lou Clark, has to learn to love again after losing Will Traynor. Jojo Moyes gives us two families, as real as our own, whose joys and sorrows will touch you deeply, where both changes and surprises await.

Depraved Heart by Patricia Cornwell (fiction)

Dr Kay Scarpetta is working a suspicious death in Massachusetts when she receives a text from her genius niece Lucy. It's clearly taken of Lucy taken almost twenty years ago. As Scarpetta watches she begins to learn frightening secrets about her niece, whom she must now confront.

A Strangeness in My Mind by Orhan Pamuk (fiction)

This is the story of boza seller Mevlut, the woman to whom he wrote three years' worth of love letters, and their life in Istanbul. A beautiful take of love and redemption.

Magic Strings of Frankie Presto by Mitch Albom (fiction)

From the author *Tuesdays with Morrie*, comes this moving and heart-warming novel about Frankie. At nine years old, he is sent to America in the bottom of a boat with his only possession being an old guitar. Frankie's talent proves to be unique, and we see it take him on an amazing journey through the musical landscape of the twentieth century.

Mountain Shadow by Gregory David Roberts (fiction)

The much anticipated sequel to *Shantaram* has been on the bestseller lists since its release!

Maggie Smith by Michael Coveney (non-fiction)

No one does glamour, severity, girlish charm or tight-lipped witticism better than Dame Maggie Smith. Michael Coveney's biography shines a light on the life and career of a truly remarkable performer, one whose stage and screen career spans six decades.

How Long Will South Africa Survive? By R W Johnson (non-fiction)

In 1977 R X Johnson's bestselling *How Will South Africa Survive?* Provided a controversial and highly original analysis of the survival prospects of the apartheid regime. Now, after more than twenty years of ANC rule, he believes the situation has become so critical that the question must be posed again. He moves from analysis of Zuma's rule to the increasingly dire state of the economy, concluding that the country is heading towards a likely International Monetary Fund bail-out which will lead to a regime change of some kind. This analysis is strikingly original and cogently argued.

Crashed by Melinda Ferguson (non-fiction)

In the tradition of her no-holds-barred, chart busting drug memoir, *Smacked*, Ferguson's insights into her inner and outer world, showcases how her life spiralled out of control and how she navigated trauma, scandal, betrayal and near financial ruin. This book is sometimes humorous, sometimes tragic but always gripping.

The Prison Book Club by Ann Walmsley (non-fiction)

In this heart-warming book, Ann Walmsley was asked to take part in a book club in a men's prison. She was initially anxious especially after experiencing a violent mugging years before. Curiosity got the better of her and she signed up for eighteen months with heavily tattooed inmates reading and talking about everything from the *The Grapes of Wrath* to *The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time*. Funny and full of insight this book club became a place to regain humanity and the springboard for the men to share ideas and reveal their life stories.

Green is not a Colour Devan Valenti (non-fiction)

This book tackles environmental issues every generation needs to know and explains the relationship between the economy, technology, society, nature and sometimes politics. It holds vital information that can enable people to make the correct decisions and to hold businesses and governments accountable for the planet we live in. It reveals how human ingenuity will prove to be a powerful tool in steering us onto a sustainable path.

Diary of a Wimpy Kid 10 Old School by Jeff Kinney (kid's fiction)

Life was better in the old days. Or was it? That's the question Greg Heffley is asking as his town voluntarily unplugs and goes electronics-free. Modern life has its conveniences, and Greg isn't cut out for an old-fashioned world. With tension building inside and outside the Heffley home, will Greg find a way to survive? Or is going 'old school' just too hard for a kid like Greg?

Magnus Chase and the Sword of Summer by Rick Riordan (kid's fiction)

Since his mother's mysterious death, Magnus Chase has lived alone on the streets of Boston, surviving by his wits. One day, he's tracked down by a man who tells him that he is the son of a Norse god. When attacked by fire giants, he realises that he *is* the son of a god. The attack forces him to choose between his own safety and the lives of hundreds of innocents. Magnus makes a fatal decision and sometimes, the only way to start a new life is to die