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Adventure:

The Great Run / Braam Malherbe
Johannesburg, South Africa : Sunbird Publishers, 2010
192p.; 233 x 152 mm.
ISBN 9781920289058
\$ 29.95

Everyone said it couldn't be done; even internationally renowned sports scientists such as Dr Tim Noakes. Certainly no-one had done it before, though many had tried: to run the Great Wall of China, end to end, non-stop. The journey would start in the Gobi Desert, cross the jagged Taihang Shan range, and end at the Bo Sea. It would involve blood boiling heat and mummifying sandstorms, soul-numbing mountain nights, incidents with bandits and draconian officials, pig's-head soup and witnessing large-scale environmental devastation. But no-one had counted on the tenacity of South African nature-lover Braam Malherbe. In running the main intact section of the Great Wall, 4 500 kilometres end to end, Braam and his running partner David Grier set a world first. But Braam would have to call on reserves far deeper – physically and emotionally – than even he realised he had. China was never going to let him off lightly; then again, it would not leave a worthy traveller unmoved or unchanged. What began as a running-away, from long-buried childhood trauma, family suffering and loss, as well as hurt felt for the state of the planet, would eventually become a journey towards inner peace and understanding. The book concludes with the writer running into a new vision of healing the planet, step by small step, one person at a time.

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Art

More Jewellery in a Jiffy / Fransie Snyman
Cape Town, South Africa : Metz Press, 2010
ISBN 9781920268503
\$ 28.50

Following the same approach as the runaway bestseller, *Jewellery in a jiffy*, this follow up will not disappoint. Once again aimed at the impatient beader, it contains loads of original jewellery designs with the focus on crystals, pearls and gemstones. Some pieces can be completed in a few minutes while many others will take no more than an hour or two - quick results indeed. Pearls, crystals and gemstones all come in a dazzling variety of shapes and colours and were used either singly or in splendid combinations for necklaces, chokers, bracelets and earrings for every taste and occasion. Whether you want it glitzy and glamorous, sophisticated or casual, you will find suitable creative ideas and suggestions in this title. Clear step by step instructions and photographs explain the amazingly simple techniques so anyone can achieve attractive results quickly and easily. A treasure trove of handcrafted jewellery, this title also has stunning commissioned photographs of all finished pieces

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=120099>

Art and Aspirations - *The Randlords of South Africa and Their Collections* / Michael Stevenson

Cape Town, South Africa : Fernwood Press, 2010
199p.; 305 x 276 mm.
ISBN 9781874950639
\$ 66.00

The discovery of diamonds and gold in South Africa in the second half of the nineteenth century created unique opportunities for a handful of men to accumulate enormous wealth. At the end of the century they were among the richest and most powerful individuals in the world. Most of them settled in Britain and adopted would-be aristocratic lifestyles, soon becoming known as the 'South African millionaires' or 'Randlords'. Craving social acceptance and recognition, they constructed upper-class identities to transcend their modest backgrounds, and systematically acquired and displayed properties and possessions that symbolised wealth and power in Europe. It is these individuals and the artworks they assembled that are the subject of this book, which focuses on the activities of Sir Joseph Robinson, Sir Lionel and Lady Phillips, Sir Max Michaelis, Alfred and Sir Otto Beit, and Sir Julius Wernher. Accompanying the text are more than 170 illustrations, which include colour reproductions of many of the artworks discussed as well as photographs of the Randlords and their houses in South Africa and Britain.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=120100>

Nomfanekiso, Who Paints at Night - The Art of Gladys Mgudlandlu / Elza Miles

Cape Town, South Africa : Fernwood Press, 2010
96p.; 240 x 250 mm.
ISBN 9781874950660
\$ 37.50

Gladys 'Nomfanekiso' Mgudlandlu (1917-1979) is one of the foremost exponents of Expressionism in South Africa. As a school teacher, she taught by day and, at night, she painted by the flickering light of a paraffin lamp in her 'township' house in Cape Town, South Africa. She incorporated into her art the indigenous character and essence of Africa - the legends and folklore, as well as some of the mysticism characteristic of African rituals and customs. In this book, an overview of Mgudlandlu's work, art historian Elza Miles traces the development of this singular artist - from her early, meticulously detailed works, evoking the textural richness of embroideries and tapestries, of landscapes painted from memory and imagination, depicting idyllic rural lifestyles, and large mystical bird forms, to her later works depicting urban scenes and simplification of shapes, enlivened with broad sweeping brushstrokes of colour.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=120101>

South East African Beadwork 1850-1910 - From Adornment to Artefact to Art / Michael Stevenson, Michael Graham-Stewart, Sandra Klopper
Cape Town, South Africa : Fernwood Press, 2010
192p.; 210 x 276 mm.
ISBN 9781874950523
\$ 49.50

Demonstrating the astonishing artistry of African beadworkers, this seminal work re-affirms beadwork as an art form and will be a point of reference to collectors and art historians for years to come. The increasing availability of beads in the nineteenth century allowed African women to develop their creativity, and in these pages can be seen outstanding examples of their art.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=120103>

Architecture:

Cape Dutch Houses & Other Old Favourites - Proud Heritage of the Southwestern Cape / Phillida Brooke Simons
Cape Town, South Africa : Fernwood Press, 2010
256p.; 240 x 170 mm.
ISBN 9781874950530
\$ 65.00

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=120105>

Biographies & Memoirs :

My Times - The Memoirs of David Bloomberg / David Bloomberg
Cape Town, South Africa : Fernwood Press, 2010
336p.; 150 x 230 mm.
ISBN 9781874950851
\$ 39.00

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=120106>

Oprah A Biography / Kitty Kelley

Johannesburg, South Africa : Jonathan Ball Publishers, 2010
544p.; 233 x 152 mm.
ISBN 9781868423255
\$ 37.50

Based on three years of research and reporting as well as 850 interviews with sources, many of whom have never before spoken for publication, *Oprah* is the first comprehensive biography of one of the most influential, powerful, and admired public figures of our time, by the most widely read biographer of our era.

Anyone who is a fan of Oprah Winfrey or who has followed her extraordinary life and career will be fascinated and newly informed by the closely observed, detailed, and well-rounded portrait of her provided by Kitty Kelley's exhaustively researched book. Readers will come away with a greater appreciation of who Oprah really is beyond her public persona and a fuller understanding of her important place in American cultural history.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=120107>

ZUMA A Biography / Jeremy Gordin
Johannesburg, South Africa : Jonathan Ball Publishers, 2010
300p.; 198 x 129 mm.
ISBN 9781868423811
\$ 25.00

The first edition of Zuma, published in late 2008, concluded with Jacob Zuma's future balancing on a knife's edge. National elections loomed, but so did corruption charges and endless court battles.

Since then Zuma's star has spectacularly risen – the corruption charges were dropped, he led the ANC to election victory and duly became President of South Africa, and his new cabinet and government appointments were generally well received.

But he has also recently suffered a huge blow with revelations of another love-child, this time with the daughter of soccer supremo Irvine Khoza. Many of his supporters have distanced themselves from him, and Zuma is looking isolated. Pundits are once again wondering how long he'll survive as President.

In this revised and updated edition, Jeremy Gordin takes the reader right up to present. He covers in detail the highs and lows of Zuma's past 18 months, including the final salvos of his legal battles, as well as his first year as President.

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Of Loss, Hope and Healing - *Finding Lost Family of the Displaced* / Estelle Neethling
Cape Town, South Africa : Umuzi Publishers, 2010
272p.; 222 x 146 mm.
ISBN 9781415200841
\$ 31.75

South Africa looms before thousands of refugees from across all Africa as the land of milk and honey. They flee conflict and hardship, they leave behind home and loved ones – only to face the harsh realities of living in a foreign, sometimes hostile country.

Their longing to be reunited with their families brings them to the doors of the South African Red Cross Society. *Of Loss, Hope and Healing* is the account of, Estelle Neethling, a woman

who reconnects displaced family members as part of the Red Cross Restoring of Family Links programme. The true stories in this book offer an insight into the ability of individuals to survive despite heartbreaking odds.

Little wonder then that such a working environment would uncover in the author, too, a history of emotional displacement. Interwoven with the bigger story of African diaspora is her own story as she confronts her own, troubled relationship with family in this honest and moving account of human triumphs over inhuman adversity.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=120110>

Business:

Risk & Reward - Start and Run a Successful Small Business in South Africa / Thabani Zulu
Cape Town, South Africa : Tafelberg Publishers, 2010

168p.; 213 x 137 mm.

ISBN 9780624048886

\$ 32.00

A practical South African guide to making your small work by avoiding common risks.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=120111>

Economics & Development:

Trick or Treat: Rethinking Black Economic Empowerment / Jenny Cargill

Johannesburg, South Africa : Jacana Media, 2010

280p.; 235 x 155 mm.

ISBN 9781770098305

\$ 38.00

Black economic empowerment is the most far-reaching effort by the ANC government to transform the economy of South Africa. This book focuses on one facet of this policy – the promotion of black share ownership in the corporate sector – which to this day remains the most tantalising and controversial. This is the asset trading or deal-making arm of BEE that was started as an antidote to apartheid and insurance for future business.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=120112>

Moving People: Sustainable Transport and Development / Peter Cox

Cape Town, South Africa : UCT Press, 2010

256p.;

ISBN 9781919895413

\$ 45.00

The impacts of transport on local and global environments are more apparent than ever before. This book provides an attention-grabbing introduction to sustainable transport development in practice via a series of case studies. Re-assessing the value and importance of non-motorised transport, it raises questions about the whole nature of development as a process. It advocates low-impact technologies and sustainable transport and shows how they make a practical contribution to post-development discourses.

The case studies come from across the globe, both North and South (Bogota, Delhi, Jakarta, China and South Africa). The book demonstrates that achieving equity and sustainability will require profound transformation in the industrialised nations as much as in developing economies.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=120113>

Primary Healthcare Spending: Striving for equity under fiscal federalism / O. A. Okorafor
Cape Town, South Africa : UCT Press, 2010
160p.;
ISBN 9781919895215
\$ 32.50

Equity within the health sector is a key policy objective for practically all health systems around the world. This is based on consistent evidence that the socio-economically disadvantaged carry a heavier burden of ill-health and are least able to afford health care. The primary health care approach to health care delivery is considered to be the best approach for effectively addressing the major health needs of communities and in promoting equity within the health system.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=120114>

Environment:

Table Mountain / Anton Pauw, Steven Johnson
Cape Town, South Africa : Fernwood Press, 2010
160p.; 300 x 230 mm.
ISBN 9781874950431
\$ 32.50

The secret life of one of the world's most famous landmarks. Endorsed by the Botanical Society of South Africa, *Table Mountain: A Natural History* unveils the intricate relationships between plants and animals of Table Mountain. Familiar in many ways yet unknown in others, the Mountain seems invincible in its bulk but its myriad life forms, so close to a major city, are under serious threat. Stunning photographs and well-written text portray Table Mountain as never seen before.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=120115>

RAPTOR SURVEY AND MONITORING – a field guide for African birds of prey / Gerard Malan
Pretoria, South Africa : Briza Publications, 2010
192p.; 240 x 168 mm.
\$ 38.50

This book intends to enable anyone with an interest in birds of prey with the skills and tools required to become involved and participate in raptor research. Whether for management or pure academic purposes, or the satisfaction of knowing, it is important for would-be raptor surveyors and monitors to adhere to the same, tested and accepted methods

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=120116>

Remarkable Birds of South Africa / Dr Peter le Sueur Milstein
Pretoria, South Africa : Briza Publications, 2010
208p.; 260 x 210 mm.
ISBN 9781875093588
\$ 38.50

South Africa is home to over 900 bird species of the nearly 9 000 bird species recorded world-wide. Arranged in taxonomic order by bird family, *Remarkable Birds of South Africa* gives an overview of this huge variety of birds found right on our doorstep. It is not meant to be a field guide, but rather attempts to give birders and would-be birders some insights into our fascinating birdlife. Available field guides supply little additional biological information because this is not their function. In this book the author sheds light on many of

the fascinating aspects of bird behaviour and taxonomy and shares interesting anecdotal information collected over a lifetime dedicated to nature conservation.

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General :

Mailships of the Union-Castle Line (Re-issue) / C.J. Harris, B.D. Ingpen
Cape Town, South Africa : Fernwood Press, 2010
180p.; 300 x 270 mm.
ISBN 9781874950059
\$ 50.00

Mailships of the Union-Castle Line offers a nostalgic look at an era of magnificent ships and leisurely travel: it is richly illustrated throughout with evocative memorabilia and photographs, many of which have never before been published. Each chapter features a painting of a mailship by the internationally acclaimed marine artist, Peter Bilas.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=120118>

Wines of South Africa - Exploring the Cape Winelands / Graham Knox
Cape Town, South Africa : Fernwood Press, 2010
160p.; 270 x 300 mm.
ISBN 9781874950615
\$ 37.50

The magnificent photographs of landscapes, vineyards, wine cellars and winemakers, and the informative text of this comprehensive book, provides a broad overview of winemaking in South Africa. Capturing the spirit and tradition of the country's winemaking industry, the book is both a visually striking photographic portfolio of the Cape's winelands and a tribute to South Africa's winemakers and the fine wines that so many of them are producing today.

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Should I Stay or Should I Go? - To Live in or Leave South Africa / Andre Brink, Jacob Dlamini, Liz Butler, Kevin Bloom, Sarah Britten, Kerry Rogers, Ian Macdonald, Daniel Ford, Ted Botha, Jenni Baxter
Cape Town, South Africa : Two Dogs Publishers, 2009
191p.; 210 x 140 mm.
ISBN 9781920137304
\$ 25.00

April 2010 sees the release of a non-fiction title that is sure to stir the conversation at braais and dinner parties in South Africa and across the globe: Should I Stay Or Should I Go? Yes, it's a song by The Clash, but it's also a defining question for the modern Rainbow Nation and now, as a Two Dogs book, a collection of essays on emigration from South Africans based in South Africa and around the world. Most South Africans with the means to pack up and leave have, at some point, thought about emigrating (even if it's just to scoff at the idea), and popular wisdom suggests that more than a million South Africans have emigrated since the early 1990s, with many thousands having already left before that in the turbulent '70s and '80s. Today, with an ever more controversial government, the issue is as topical and controversial as ever, with hardcore "stayers" and "leavers" forever clashing with each other (often online), while those in the middle – the majority – are left with unanswered questions. Should I Stay Or Should I Go? is for those looking for guidance, information and empathy on the topic of emigration from people who've been there and done that – whether it's stay or go. It is a collection of 15 essays by South Africans at home

and abroad – some high-profile literary figures, others average everyday people – that combines a collection of subjective viewpoints to provide a broad overview of the emigration debate. It comes with an introduction from the editor, and three addendums: comparisons of the 14 most popular emigrant cities for South Africa, a discussion of the stresses of emigration and a sample of further reading on the topic.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=120121>

Soweto / Jodi Bieber
Johannesburg, South Africa : Jacana Media, 2010
160p.; 246 x 194 mm.
ISBN 9781770098060
\$ 46.00

Acclaimed home-grown photographer, Jodi Bieber has created an open-ended essay which is a celebration and a portrait of life in Soweto today.

The importance of Soweto in the collective consciousness is hard to overstate. It registers as a place born of resistance, perhaps even embodying the South African struggle for freedom.

But the birth of Kwaito is attributed to Soweto too. And beyond the grand narratives, there is and always was a proliferation of dancing, art and fashion in this place defined by its energy and cosmopolitan nature. Labelling and un-labelling, claiming and discarding, Sowetans have created Soweto anew – a phenomenon that is celebrated in this photographic publication which contemplates daily lived realities, where here, as elsewhere, South Africans are continually reinventing themselves and their urban space.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=120122>

History:

The War for South Africa - The Anglo-Boer War: 1899-1902 / Bill Nasson
Cape Town, South Africa : Tafelberg Publishers, 2010
352p.; 222 x 152 mm.
ISBN 9780624048091
\$ 38.00

When historian Bill Nasson describes battle scenes from the Anglo-Boer War, it is as if you can hear the bullets fly past. Nasson provides a gripping overview of the war and integrates the military, political and social dimensions of a war that continues to fascinate.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=120123>

Standby! - South African Air Force Search & Rescue / Dick Lord
Johannesburg, South Africa : 30 degreeessouth, 2010
248p.; 235 x 155 mm.
ISBN 9781920143442
\$ 48.50

In the air force no mission receives greater priority than the mission of mercy. When lives are at stake all resources available are dedicated to the task. Aircrew, ground crew, paramedics, doctors, mountaineers, navy divers, policemen and trained civilian volunteers are rapidly organized into a rescue team and dispatched with all haste to the disaster scene. This requires training, preparedness, dedication, determination and courage. Rescue missions are often flown in weather conditions that would normally ground all aircraft. Scenarios are as diverse as high-rise fires, mountain, flood and maritime rescues, to white-

outs in the snows of Antarctica. Originally published in 1999 as *Fire, Flood and Ice*, this updated edition includes yet more spectacular South African Air Force (SAAF) search and rescue missions, both military and civilian. Included is the remarkable rescue of all 581 people from the ill-fated liner *Oceanos*, for which the author was mentioned in dispatches for his role as commander of the rescue operation. Also new are heart-warming accounts of SAAF rescues during the devastating floods of 2000 in Mozambique, which captured the world's attention.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=120124>

PK Van Der Byl - *African Statesman* / Hannes Wessels
Johannesburg, South Africa : 30 degrees south, 2010
260p.; 230 x 155 mm.
ISBN 9781920143497
\$ 48.50

This narrative gives the reader an overview of the history of the white man in southern Africa with detailed emphasis on the Rhodesian story through the life and times of PK van der Byl; one of the major players in a political drama that ended in the accession to power of Robert Mugabe under the auspices of the British government led by then Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher. By his very nature PK was controversial and confrontational. This account is likely to give offence to some because it portrays him as bluntly as he was in real life. Much can be contested about PK van der Byl but few will dispute he was an extremely colourful character with a devilish sense of humour. This memoir covers his life with a full flourish while doing nothing to detract from the seriousness of the international political and military conflict in which he was engaged. The reader will glean new information on a highly controversial subject and emerge with a more sympathetic understanding of what PK van der Byl and his colleagues did and strove for. The human tragedy that has followed the removal from power of Ian Smith and his Rhodesian Front party will almost certainly force the reader to deal with some uncomfortable conclusions, of value to anyone sincere about grappling with the volatile and deeply troubling challenges that confront all Africans today.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=120125>

A Prisoner's Home / Zukiswa Wanner, Alf Kumalo
Johannesburg, South Africa : The Penguin Group (SA), 2010
ISBN 9780143026594
\$ 42.00

In his autobiography, *Long Walk to Freedom*, Nelson Mandela describes his house at 8115 Vilakazi Street, Soweto, as 'identical to hundreds of others. It had the same standard tin roof, the same cement floor, a narrow kitchen, and a bucket toilet at the back.' Little did Mandela know when he first moved into the house in 1946 that it would become the stage for some of the most important political events in South Africa's turbulent history and, in recent times, a cultural landmark visited by thousands of tourists each year. Renowned photographer and close family friend Alf Kumalo captured the day-to-day life of the Mandelas - the raids by the security police and intimate family moments, both of joy and sorrow, as well as Mandela's return to his home after his release from prison in 1990, twenty-eight years after he had left it. Using this unassuming house as the setting, *8115: A Prisoner's Home* collects some of Kumalo's most historically important and beautiful images of the Mandela family and their home, giving us a unique insight into the life of the family who would have a profound effect on South Africa's political landscape. Inarguably one of South Africa's greatest photographers, Alf Kumalo's work has been exhibited all over the world. He was awarded the Order of Ikhamanga, South Africa's highest award for excellence in the creative arts.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=120126>

The Life And Work Of Charles Bell (Re-issue) / Phillida Brooke Simons
Cape Town, South Africa : Fernwood Press, 2010
176p.; 240 x 275 mm.
ISBN 9781874950349
\$ 42.00

The achievements of a man of many talents: Charles Bell's contribution to the aesthetic, social and commercial life of nineteenth-century Cape Town was enormous, yet for a hundred years after his death very little was known about him. His paintings and sketches - many published for the first time - reveal a quirky sense of humour, but this was a man who took seriously his career in the Civil Service and his post as Surveyor-General at the Cape.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=120127>

Life and Works - Charles Michell / G. Richings
Cape Town, South Africa : Fernwood Press, 2010
224p.; 246 x 283 mm.
ISBN 9781874950813
\$ 58.50

In this detailed and meticulously researched account of the life and work of Charles Michell, the first surveyor-general and civil engineer of the South African Cape Colony, author Gordon Richings examines in depth, the many interests and achievements of the man, as well as the essence of the time in which he lived, by referring to unpublished personal diaries, sketchbooks and letters. Born in Exeter, Devon in 1793, Michell showed artistic talent at a young age, but due to family circumstances, joined the British Army and served with distinction in the Napoleonic Wars in Portugal. He came to the Cape in 1829 and for the next twenty years played a crucial role in opening up the Cape interior to economic development and expansion, by designing roads, bridges and mountain passes, including Sir Lowry's, the Houw Hoek, Montagu and Michell's Passes. He also suggested improvements to Table Bay Harbour and designed lighthouses at Mouille Point, Cape Agulhas and Cape Recife in an effort to protect shipping along the Cape's notorious coastline. This first biography of Charles Michell is lavishly illustrated with his sketches, watercolours and engravings of Cape scenery, plants, insects and rock paintings, as well as Cape personalities, maps of the colony and architectural plans - the majority of which are published for the first time. New light is shed on the socio-economic life at the Cape, particularly the Tsitsikamma region of the southern Cape, the Frontier War of 1834-35, as well as on the personalities of Michell's colleagues and contemporaries in England and at the Cape.

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The Abundant Herds - A Celebration of the Nguni Cattle of the Zulu People (2nd reprint) / Leigh Voigt
Cape Town, South Africa : Fernwood Press, 2010
144p.; 280 x 285 mm.
ISBN 9781874950691
\$ 58.50

A unique publication that contributes to the recording and understanding of a significant aspect of South Africa's cultural heritage. This book is an appreciation of the creative imagination and linguistic versatility of the Zulu people. It is a book about human creativity. Not the creativity of the plastic arts, or of music, but rather that of the poet, the wordsmith.

It gives an overview of the history of the Nguni cattle and their economic, social, political and spiritual importance to the Zulu people, both past and present.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=120129>

The Mission: a life freedom in South Africa / Denis Goldberg

Johannesburg, South Africa : Ste Publishers, 2010

428p.; 230 x 150 mm.

ISBN 9781920222437

\$ 36.75

Nelson Mandela's comrade in the struggle, Denis Goldberg, spent 22 years in an Apartheid South African political prison from 1963 to 1985. In this memoir, Denis, the perennial optimist, writes about the human side of the often painful road to freedom; about the joy of love and death, human dignity, political passion, comradeship, conflict between comrades...and a very long imprisonment.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=120130>

9C - Nine Charlie! Army Signallers in the Field - SACS Vol 3 / Walter Volker

Durban, South Africa : Just Done Productions & Publishing, 2010

770p.;

ISBN 9780620453462

\$ 100.00

The third of the trilogy is '9C – Nine Charlie! ARMY SIGNALLERS IN THE FIELD. The Story of the Men and Women of the South African Corps of Signals, and their Equipment', and as its title suggests is focused on the contribution of the people who dedicated their efforts, careers, and even sometimes lives, to ensuring one of the most effective army signals organisations on the globe.

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Signal Units of the South Africa Corps of Signals and Related Signal Services - SACS Vol 2 / Walter Volker

Durban, South Africa : Just Done Productions & Publishing, 2010

820p.;

ISBN 9780620453455

\$ 100.00

The second volume, entitled '*SIGNAL UNITS OF THE SOUTH AFRICA CORPS OF SIGNALS AND RELATED SIGNAL SERVICES*' represents one of the most comprehensive collection of regimental and unit histories ever published in one volume in South Africa. It is also the first time that the histories of many of the signal regiments and other units will be published and available to the general public, and will most probably – together with its two companion volumes - prove to be the book of reference on army signals in South Africa.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=120132>

Army Signals in South Africa - SACS Vol 1 / Walter Volker

Durban, South Africa : Just Done Productions & Publishing, 2010

694p.;

ISBN 9780620453448

\$ 100.00

The Story of the South African Corps of Signals and its antecedents' is an impressive work of epic proportions, and together with its two companion volumes, will most probably prove to be the book of reference on army signals in South Africa.

This first volume is a compilation of some previously published material, but consists mainly of new material never before published or accessible to the general public, large parts which have come from verbal recollections, rather than documentation. It is the result of thorough and meticulous research, including over two hundred personal interviews, stretching over a period of many years. Interviewees range from a number of generals to the lowest troop, to ensure a level of authenticity and reality in all aspects of this history. The result of including numerous personal accounts sprinkled throughout the pages of the book is that the history literally comes alive and creates a sense of personal experience and interest, rather than just a record of dry facts. The author/compiler has also gone to pains in ensuring names and places are mentioned wherever possibly, not just dates and events – again this serves to give the account a greater level of human interest.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=120134>

Pathfinder Company: 44 Parachute Brigade: The Philistines / Graham Gillmore
Durban, South Africa : Just Done Productions & Publishing, 2010
160p.;
ISBN 9781920143480
\$ 41.75

Colonel Jan Breytenbach writes in the foreword: "On Ascension Day, 1978, a composite South African parachute battalion jumped onto the tactical HQ of SWAPO's PLAN army, based at Cassinga, 250 kilometres north of the Angolan border to destroy the facility, their logistics, and to wipe out a strong concentration of SWAPO guerrillas. The airborne assault, part of Operation Reindeer, was an unqualified success; the whole base was destroyed. 608 PLAN fighters were killed, with many more wounded which pushed the final SWAPO death toll to well over a thousand. We lost only four paratroopers killed in action plus a dozen or so wounded. According to airborne experts in Britain and Australia, this was the most audacious parachute assault since the Second World War; the mounting airfield was well over 1,000 nautical miles away. I was the commander of that airborne assault, which although successful above all expectations, also highlighted many shortcomings, some of which nearly led to a disastrous outcome."

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=120136>

Law :

Taxpayers' Rights In South Africa / Beric Croome
Cape Town, South Africa : JUTA, 2008
362p.;
ISBN 9780702182020
\$ 75.00

Taxpayers' Rights In South Africa is the only book available to deal with the interplay between South African constitutional and tax law.

It evaluates how South African Revenue Services powers function in relation to taxpayers' constitutional rights and thoroughly and systematically unpacks the rights to property, equality, privacy, access to information, just administrative action and access to courts.

Based on personal experience and award-winning research, this work provides guidance on issues that perplex taxpayers, SARS officials and tax practitioners every day.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=120137>

Applied Law For Police Officials (3rd edition) / C. Joubert
Cape Town, South Africa : JUTA, 2010
456p.;
ISBN 9780702184598
\$ 54.50

This publication addresses the legal aspects specifically relevant to police officials. It states, interprets and applies the most general legal principles in the fields of criminal law and criminal procedure (mainly the pre-trial process), as well as some basic principles of the law of evidence.

There is a clear focus on the implications of these laws for police procedures. The book highlights the importance of effective co-operation between an investigating officer and the victim of crime, other witnesses and the prosecutor, which will greatly improve the chances of a successful criminal prosecution. To exercise their powers lawfully, police officials must also be aware of the social context in which their duties are performed, and of the constitutional principles of human rights, which receive attention throughout this book.

With its unique practical approach, addressing legal principles specifically relevant to police officials, this book will aid them in providing effective service to the community.

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Criminal Procedure Casebook - Strafprosesreg Vonnisbundel (English & Afrikaans) / Gerhard Kemp, Stephan Terblanche, Murdoch Watney
Cape Town, South Africa : JUTA, 2010
368p.;
ISBN 9780702182266
\$ 55.00

This bilingual casebook provides the reader with excerpts of judgments that illustrate the most important aspects and underlying principles of South African criminal procedure. It also contains a section on international and transnational criminal matters.

A summary of the facts and important issues precedes each case excerpt. The excerpts are followed by a critical note evaluating and explaining the relevance and importance of the judgment. The method employed by the authors in their selection of cases reflects a principled approach to the subject. All introductory and explanatory notes are in English and Afrikaans and Afrikaans judgments are followed by an English translation.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=120139>

Morris: Technique in Litigation (6th Edition) / J. Mullins, C. da Silva
Cape Town, South Africa : JUTA, 2010
448p.;
ISBN 9780702184581
\$ 100.00

Eric Morris' *Technique in Litigation* has been of inestimable value to fledgling advocates and attorneys for four decades. The book is concerned with litigation in both the High Courts and the magistrates' courts, and provides useful, practical guidance on all aspects of litigation. The sixth edition of *Technique in Litigation* has been substantially revised and updated, resulting in a book that still captures Morris' humour and timeless wisdom, while at the same time being thoroughly topical and practical for the modern lawyer seeking to become a courtroom specialist.

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Socio-Economic Rights - *Adjudication Under A Transformative Constitution* / Sandra Liebenberg
Cape Town, South Africa : JUTA, 2010
565p.;
ISBN 9780702184802
\$ 95.00

Drawing on a wide range of interdisciplinary resources, this scholarly work provides an in-depth and thorough analysis of the socio-economic rights jurisprudence of the newly democratic South Africa.

The book explores how the judicial interpretation and enforcement of socio-economic rights can be more responsive to the conditions of systemic poverty and inequality characterising South African society. Based on meticulous research, the work marries legal analysis with perspectives from political philosophy and democratic theory. Cautioning against a traditional, formalistic conception of rights and the separation of powers doctrine, the author develops a nuanced conception of substantive reasonableness review in the context of socio-economic rights. She further argues for a reconstruction of private law doctrines in the light of the normative purposes and values promoted by socio-economic rights.

Socio-Economic Rights - Adjudication under a Transformative Constitution is up to date, including detailed evaluation and critique of the most recent socio-economic rights judgments. It is set to have an impact on debates about courts and socio-economic rights not only in South Africa, but everywhere else where its topic has attracted interest.

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Public Finance Management Act - *Act 1 of 1999 (5th ed)* / Juta's Statutes Editors
Cape Town, South Africa : JUTA, 2010
264p.;
ISBN 9780702184857
\$ 11.00

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=120143>

Literature:

Captured in Time Five Centuries of South African Writing / Edited by John Clare
Johannesburg, South Africa : Jonathan Ball Publishers, 2010
600p.; 234 x 153 mm.
ISBN 9781868423781
\$ 41.75

The time has come to delve into the story of South Africa's turbulent history – a story of exploration and conquest, rampant growth and war, oppression and ultimately, liberation. Captured in Time tells that story in a collection of extracts from the most illuminating, entertaining and significant works written about the country and its diverse people over almost five centuries.

The writers are settlers, explorers, administrators, missionaries, hunters, travellers, novelists, playwrights, poets and politicians. They include Jan van Riebeeck, the first Dutch governor of the Cape, whose journal is the most detailed account in history of a colony's founding; Mazisi Kunene, the Xhosa poet, who chronicled the rise of Shaka, the Zulu empire builder, in epic verse; W C Scully, who took part in the diamond rush at Kimberley that set South Africa on the path to unimaginable wealth; Jan Smuts, the Boer War general who, with Cecil Rhodes, the arch Imperialist, was one of the architects of apartheid; and Nelson

Mandela, apartheid's most famous victim, who became its nemesis. The novelists include two Nobel prizewinners, Nadine Gordimer and John Maxwell Coetzee.

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Banquet at Brabazan / Patricia Schonstein
Johannesburg, South Africa : Jacana Media, 2010
288p.; 212 x 136 mm.
ISBN 9781770098077
\$ 21.00

In *Banquet at Brabazan*, Patricia Schonstein takes us to the heart of Cape Town's violent inner city, creating a cornucopia of events featuring superb food, romance, a *cappella*, an angel, Shakespearean drama, reflections on South Africa's war in Angola, drug-money, a muti murder, visions of the Afterlife and various works of fine art with flashbacks to the wondrous *A Time of Angels*.

The novel is rich with her characteristic use of fabric, fine-art, poetry and magic as well as her deep and philosophical questioning of the human condition.

At core, *Banquet at Brabazan* is the story of an enduring, secret love affair between a boss and his secretary who create a fantastical, magical, theatrical, costumed, Italianate life for themselves within the confines of her apartment.

Outside of that contrived space, exists the real world of loneliness, xenophobia and crime that have come to mark post-apartheid South Africa.

Patricia Schonstein deftly leads us through both worlds, allowing the lives of a small group of people, who have not met before, to intersect over a period of ten days at Brabazan Bar & Lodge, in Long Street, Cape Town. Here she reveals a poignant and beautiful patina of hope and love.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=120145>

Zoo City / Lauren Beukes
Johannesburg, South Africa : Jacana Media, 2010
344p.; 212 x 136 mm.
ISBN 9781770098183
\$ 24.50

Zinzi has a talent for finding lost things. To save herself, she has to find the hardest thing of all... the truth.

Zinzi has a Sloth on her back, a dirty 419 scam habit and a talent for finding lost things. But when a client turns up dead and the cops confiscate her last paycheck, she's forced to take on her least favourite kind of job – missing persons.

Being hired by famously reclusive music producer Odi Huron to find a teenybop pop star should be her ticket out of Zoo City, the festering slum where the criminal underclass, marked by their animals, live in the shadow of the undertow.

Instead, it catapults Zinzi deeper into the underbelly of a city twisted by crime and magic, where she'll be forced to confront the dark secrets of former lives – including her own.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=120146>

Stoffel in Afrika / Christiaan Bakkes
Cape Town, South Africa : Human & Rousseau, 2010
176p.;
ISBN 9780798151290
\$ 27.50

The fifth book about Stoffel (the author's alter ego) and his life and adventures in the wilderness areas of Namibia. In this book he writes for the first time about his gorilla safaris in Central Africa. The world of wildlife conservation, of responsible ecotourism and one man's passion for the wilderness. A natural storyteller who writes with honesty, simplicity and fine irony.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=120147>

Other Lives / Andre Brink
Cape Town, South Africa : Umuzi Publishers, 2010
170p.; 222 x 146 mm.
ISBN 9781415201275
\$ 28.50

An artist comes to his studio in the afternoon. On his doorstep he sees a woman with curly hair and a dark complexion. She is a total stranger to him, yet she embraces him; she knows him intimately. As he steps past her, two strange children rush to his feet, yelling 'Daddy!' But he has never seen them before.

On the other side of Cape Town, a white man pulls himself out of bed and toward his mirror, where a black face looks back at him.

A concert pianist falls passionately in love with the celebrated singer he works beside but whom he is not allowed to touch. Then one night there is a shift in their worlds, and suddenly the past invades the present in a catastrophic confrontation.

In each of the three parts of André Brink's novel characters discover that below the familiar surface of their lives lurk other, disconcerting lives which are revealed under the pressure of changed circumstances.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=120148>

The Soldier who said no / Chris Marnewick
Cape Town, South Africa : Umuzi Publishers, 2010
320p.; 222 x 146 mm.
ISBN 9781415201084
\$ 28.50

New Zealand was supposed to be where Pierre de Villiers would escape his past. A misadventure in Angola cost him his faith in the military, and almost his life and sanity. Another event cost him his family. But no. After a bizarre attempt on the NZ Prime Minister's life De Villiers recognises the arrow used: it is of Bushman origin. And suddenly he, now a policeman in Auckland, is a suspect. He must go back to South Africa for answers, and to face his demons. Can he unscramble his memory? Will he find the men who devastated his life? And will the illness mounting in his groin be cured?

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=120149>

Four Drunk Beauties / Alex Smith
Cape Town, South Africa : Umuzi Publishers, 2010
224p.; 222 x 146 mm.
ISBN 9781415201046
\$ 30.00

Left to rot in an Iranian prison and under the shadow of death, Kamaal tells fellow-insurgent Drew the story of the four drunk beauties – Elvira the housekeeper and ex-assassin, Lou the Senegalese sculptor, virtuoso cellist Mimi, and Adriette, a food fundi from the Free State. The two men follow the beauties' wild chase through Iran in pursuit of a killer, a quest undertaken to prevent a catastrophe. And all the while the ancient and modern flavours of a country – its poetry, architecture and music – come to life in the rich and sensual tapestry of Alex Smith's story-telling.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=120150>

A case of Knives / Julian de Wette
Cape Town, South Africa : Umuzi Publishers, 2010
228p.; 222 x 146 mm.
ISBN 9781415201183
\$ 30.00

In Julian de Wette's novel, it is the 1960s in South Africa and the new prime minister has his head full of plans. He consults a powerful witchdoctor, but once he begins his scheme for cutting up the land he loses the sangoma's protection. In the meantime the family butler has himself reclassified so he can marry the Coloured nanny. But his plans go awry and his desperate struggle with bureaucracy sets off a bizarre chain of events that end in a shocking murder. Witnessed by the precocious grandson of the gardener at the family estate, colourful characters act out a drama on the stage of history, oblivious to the horror with which posterity may view them.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=120151>

Fruit of a Poisoned Tree : A True Story of Murder and the Miscarriage of Justice / Anthony Altbeker
Johannesburg, South Africa : Jonathan Ball Publishers, 2010
438p.;
ISBN 9781868423330
\$ 32.50

In June 2005, Fred van der Vyver, a young actuary and the son of a wealthy Eastern Cape farming family, was charged with murdering his girlfriend, Inge Lotz, allegedly bludgeoning her to death with a hammer as she lay on a couch in her lounge.

The case against Van der Vyver seemed overwhelming. His behaviour at the time of the murder appeared suspicious and incriminating, and a letter, penned by Inge on the morning of her death, suggested that the two had been fighting. But it was forensic evidence that seemed to prove his guilt: his fingerprints were found at the scene, one of his shoes was matched to a blood stain on the bathroom floor, and traces of blood were found on an ornamental hammer that had been given to him by the victim's parents.

And yet, in one of the most sensational and controversial murder trials in South African legal history, Van der Vyver's lawyers sought to turn the tables on the police, accusing them of fabricating evidence and lying to the judge.

In Fruit of a Poisoned Tree, prize-winning author Antony Albekker takes you into the heat of this epic courtroom battle. Albekker's eye-witness account of the trial presents the reader with all the evidence and testimony of the trial, while also placing it in the context of a society and a justice system that are being stretched to breaking point.

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Philosophy:

Africa is Best / Dr.Johann Broodryk
Pretoria, South Africa : Buntu School of Philosophy, 2010
162p.;
ISBN 9781920416485
\$ 33.50

Africa has kept a secret throughout centuries, which has not been shared with people of other cultures. This secret explains the magical African way of life. Its name appears in different words in the African languages. In Zulu it is known as uBuntu, which is translated into in the English language as humanness. The uBuntu magic is visible in the daily way of living of Africans. Understanding uBuntu enables the reader to understand African thinking, actions, values and worldview. If the globe can become more aware of this worldview, the magic of Africa can be exported internationally. Such exportation can lead to the creation of a new world moral order.

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Politics:

Black Man, You are on Your Own / Saleem Badat
Johannesburg, South Africa : Ste Publishers, 2010
168p.; 228 x 152 mm.
ISBN 9781920222390
\$ 42.50

"Black Man, You Are On Your Own" has its origins in an academic study of black tertiary student politics under apartheid. Commissioned by the Biko Foundation, the original text has been extensively revised to make the emergence, ideas and activities of the Back Consciousness movement, and specifically the South African Students' Organisation (SASO), available to a wider audience. "Black Man, You Are On Your Own" analyses the ideology, politics and organisational features of SASO and their intellectual, political and social determinants. The book also analyses the role played by SASO in the educational, political and social spheres and the factors that shaped its activities. Finally, it assesses SASO's contribution to the popular struggle against apartheid education and race, class and gender oppression.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=120155>

The Unspoken Alliance - Israel's Secret Relationship with Apartheid South Africa / Sasha Palakow-Suransky
Johannesburg, South Africa : Jacana Media, 2010
336p.; 235 x 135 mm.
ISBN 9781770098404
\$ 30.00

Prior to the Six-Day War, Israel was the darling of the international Left. But after its occupation of Palestinian territories in 1967, Israel found itself isolated from former allies and threatened anew by old enemies. Sasha Polakow-Suransky tells the full story of how Israel's booming arms industry and South Africa's isolation led to a hidden military alliance that grew deeper after the Likud Party came to power in 1977 and continued even after Israel passed sanctions against South Africa in the late 1980s.

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Sociology:

Social Accountability in Africa - Practitioners' Experiences and Lessons / Mario Claasen, Carmen Alpin-Lardies

Cape Town, South Africa : IDASA, 2009

232p.; 297 x 210 mm.

ISBN 9781920409203

\$ 82.00

This title is a collection of case studies from Africa on social accountability. This title attempts to build a consolidated body of knowledge on social accountability efforts across the continent. The case studies are diverse and present unique approaches to how social accountability strategies and interventions are implemented within different countries. The title is written by practitioners, for practitioners, providing first-hand experience of designing and implementing social accountability initiatives and the challenges, methods and successes each one presents. While most research focuses on the role of citizens and civil society organisations in promoting accountability, this title places a greater emphasis on joint state-civil society initiatives. While social accountability initiatives are known mostly only in their own countries, and few African campaigns are documented, this title fills this gap by covering different approaches within a wide array of African countries. To overcome language and cultural barriers that have prevented practitioners in the African sub-regions from learning from each other, this title will be translated into French and disseminated widely in Francophone Africa. The Affiliated Network for Social Accountability in Africa (ANSA-Africa) supports the engagement of citizens and civil society in building more effective states through social accountability approaches.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=120157>

A Paradox of Victory - COSATU and the Democratic Transformation in South Africa / Sakhela Buhlungu

Scottsville, South Africa : University of Kwazulu Natal Press, 2010

240p.; 220 x 150 mm.

ISBN 9781869141875

\$ 40.00

The Congress of South African Trade Unions (COSATU) emerged from the anti-apartheid struggle as the largest and most powerful union federation in South Africa. Its member unions were spectacularly successful in organisation building, and their power and influence was felt in the workplace as well as in broader society. As the country's political adversaries began negotiating, COSATU became an important power broker weighing in on the side of democracy and full rights for workers. However, since 1994 COSATU has been losing organisational power as hundreds of leaders left for politics and business and thousands of shop-floor activists were promoted out of the unions. The vibrancy of the movement has also been sapped by the effects of class formation and global economic restructuring. In this provocative account of union activism, Sakhela Buhlungu examines the paradox of victory that confronts COSATU today. <http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=120158>

Cultures of South Africa - *A celebration (2nd ed)* / Peter Joyce
Johannesburg, South Africa : Sunbird Publishers, 2010
140p.; 210 x 150 mm.
ISBN 9781920289270
\$ 30.00

The features and faces of South Africa's indigenous cultures are as varied as the continent's many textures and colours. In *Cultures of South Africa: A Celebration* author Peter Joyce and photographer Roger de la Harpe celebrate this extraordinary diversity – of tradition, custom, history and geography of the land. This volume explores the paths that South Africans have walked over the centuries and contextualises the richness of the people and places within the cultural landscape that is the legacy of South Africa.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=120159>

South African National HIV Prevalence, Incidence, Behaviour and Communication Survey, 2008: The Health of our Children / Olive Shisana – Principal Investigator, Thomas Rehle - Principal Investigator, Leickness Simbayi - Co-Principal Investigator
Cape Town, South Africa : HSRC Press, 2010
104p.; 210 x 280 mm.
ISBN 9780796923257
\$ 26.75

Understanding the general health status of children aged 18 years and below in relation to the HIV epidemic is paramount in South Africa - a country that has both the highest number of adults and children living with HIV/AIDS in the world.

In this cardinal report, research findings from a population-based household survey are presented on the general health status of infants, children, and adolescents in South Africa including morbidity, utilisation of health facilities, immunisation coverage, HIV status and associated risk factors. This compelling study also investigates the exposure of children and adolescents to HIV communication programmes and presents essential data on male circumcision as well as the acceptability of the practice.

This report will play a vital role in assisting policy makers and stakeholders in targeting and prioritising key issues in planning and programming efforts focusing on the broad health issues of South African children. It will also be invaluable to health professionals, the media, researchers and academics.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=120160>

Pappa in Afrika / Anton Kannemeyer
Johannesburg, South Africa : Jacana Media, 2010
96p.; 280 x 215 mm.
ISBN 9781770098718
\$ 46.75

Anton Kannemeyer, aka Joe Dog of *Bitterkomix* fame, unflinchingly explores the vigorous debates around race that enliven and shadow daily life in South Africa. *Pappa in Afrika* brings together recent drawings, paintings and comics that tackle colonialism and its ongoing legacy head-on, adopting Hergé's Tintin as the archetypal figure of the white settler. Praised in the *New York Times* for its "semiotic sophistication, graphic ingenuity and X-ray political vision", Kannemeyer's work is as relentless in its critique of the hypocrisy and racist attitudes of white society as it is of the greed and corruption of Africa's new political elite.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=120161>

Sports:

Football Muti / Robin Goode
Johannesburg, South Africa : Jacana Media, 2010
96p.; 297 x 210 mm.
ISBN 9781770097643
\$ 31.75

Money is dust when you can make a ball from rags tied together with string; when you can draw Adidas stripes on your feet to emulate your favourite footballer; when you can make goal posts from branches and when your football pitch is an open plain in Africa.

Just in time for the 2010 World Cup, Robin Goode's photographic documentation on football seeks to show the inherent purity of the beautiful game by capturing, at grassroots level, Africa's relationship with this most popular of sports. Goode has realised that the beauty and purity of the game can be found, far from the money and celebrity it sometimes brings to mind, in the children of the poorest places on earth. Muti, both a social documentary and photographic journey, highlights not only Africa's passion for football, but also the maladies that beset the continent, and football's potential role as a balm for those maladies.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=120162>

Soccer Chic / Mark Gleeson
Cape Town, South Africa : Quivertree Publications, 2009
192p.; 350 x 270 mm.
ISBN 9780981428758
\$ 80.00

Soccer chic is a window into the world of the SA football culture. It is a fascinating photographic exploration of the 'style' of the fans and players, the title depicts the way the fans show their support, the values that each group of fans have, the passion, joy and positive effect the game has on people. Every country has its own football culture, reflected outwardly in the hats, scarves, hooters, songs and endless variety of ways one can imagine to proudly show support for a team. This title is about the South African fan, a culture of its own, the title celebrates the passion of everyone involved and through vividly colourful images portrays a slice of soccer the South African way. It is a title that is relevant worldwide, the Soccer World Cup is the event the collective sporting fraternity eagerly awaits every four years, the title will have a global audience, hundreds of millions of viewers will be exposed first hand to soccer in Africa, this title will depict a football culture few have experienced before. Done in the style of the highly acclaimed 'Shack Chic' the title will draw on various sources for text, accomplished journalists will give depth of knowledge specifically about African football, quotes from interviews with fans will go some way to revealing the heart of South African soccer.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=120163>

Travel & Travel Guides:

Seven Days in Cape Town / Sean Fraser
Cape Town, South Africa : Struik Publishers, 2010
176p.; 280 x 215 mm.
ISBN 9781770078697
\$ 32.50

The main body of the title is divided into seven day-tours in and around Cape Town. Each day-tour is accompanied by an map covering the day's recommended itinerary. Following the seven day-tours are six 'specialist' itineraries that describe areas further afield. These comprise - the West Coast and Namaqualand, Southern Cape Coast, Stellenbosch, Paarl and Franschhoek, and the Garden Route. Finally, a directory listing covers shopping, nightlife, cuisine and events, giving useful names and addresses, and relevant-additional information.
<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=120164>

South Africa by Road - A Regional Guide / Pat Hopkins, Willie Olivier, Denise Slabbert, Jean du Plessis

Cape Town, South Africa : Struik Publishers, 2010

256p.; 297 x 210 mm.

ISBN 9781770076990

\$ 41.75

South Africa by road: A regional guide is more than a mere travel guide; it is a handbook to the country, giving insight into the many national treasures that line our highways and byways - from vibrant cities to charming country towns and one-horse dorps steeped in history. The ultimate companion for any road trip, it offers sound advice on the best routes, and contains all that holidaymakers need to know when planning their next vacation. Full-colour photographs and an interesting mix of side panels will inspire travellers to take to the tarred and gravel roads of South Africa, and explore the many absorbing nooks and crannies of our extraordinarily diverse country. Each chapter gives an overview of a region's climate, flora and fauna, and history and heritage, and highlights the most noteworthy places. Ideas for what to do in each location are outlined, as are key activities, routes and trails. From hot-air ballooning to white-water rafting, 4x4 trails to strolls in the countryside, spelunking to visiting museums, and festivals to architecture, there is something for everyone. Customised full-colour maps in each of the 29 chapters show national, secondary and dirt roads, toll roads, passes, game reserves, national parks and nature reserves, as well as places of interest to help you plan your journey. A separate 46-page road guide and 12 town plans complete the useful cartographic section.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=119245>

Groote Schuur - Great Granary to Stately Home (Re-issue) / Phillida Brooke Simons

Cape Town, South Africa : Fernwood Press, 2010

144p.; 300 x 270 mm.

ISBN 9781874950233

\$ 41.75

Groote Schuur: Great Granary to Stately Home presents a rare opportunity to glimpse the splendour of South Africa's premier historical home. The ultimate "gentlemen's residence", Groote Schuur was created by Herbert Baker for Cecil John Rhodes. From the first European settlement at the Cape to the watershed meeting that marked the end of apartheid, the story of Groote Schuur parallels the history of South Africa.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=120165>

GETAWAY GUIDE To The Garden Route / Brent Naudé-Moseley & Steve Moseley
Johannesburg, South Africa : Sunbird Publishers, 2010
224p.; 210 x 145 mm.
ISBN 9781919938530
\$ 53.50

The Garden Route is one of South Africa's best renowned, favourite holiday and touring destinations for good reason. The region offers an eco-paradise for bird and nature lovers with its temperate climate, endless stretches of pristine beaches and coastline, dense forests with champagne rivers, extensive lakes, valleys, and distinctive folded mountains. And for those looking for something in addition to the magical and breath-taking scenery, there are quaint, country towns, beach resorts, secret coves, long walks, adventure sports, hotels, guest lodges, restaurants and fine dining. But there's even more, and this informative and up-to-date guide is the key to unlocking all the secret and not-so-secret treasures of the Garden Route.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=120166>

South Africa A visual tour through its regions / Toast Coetzer
Johannesburg, South Africa : Sunbird Publishers, 2010
160p.; 260 x 260 mm.
ISBN 9781920289119
\$ 32.50

South Africa is an all-new visual celebration of the scenic splendour, cultural diversity, wildlife and architecture of South Africa's most extraordinary and magnificent regions. Glossy, full-colour photographs are accompanied by detailed captions.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=120167>

Eyewitness Travel Top 10 Cape Town The Winelands / Phillip Briggs
Johannesburg, South Africa : The Penguin Group (SA), 2010
ISBN 9781405351959
\$ 21.75

Whether you are looking for thrilling wildlife experiences, the most outstanding wine estates or the most beautiful beaches, this guide is packed with colour illustrations, providing the insider knowledge that a visitor needs. Including a pull-out map, it covers the top 10 best of everything in Cape Town and the Winelands.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=120168>
