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Johannesburg, South Africa : Jacana Media, 2010  
144p.; 210 x 148 mm.  
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Spilt Milk / Kopano Matlwa  
Johannesburg, South Africa : Jacana Media, 2010  
200p.; 212 x 136 mm.  
ISBN 9781770097919  
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Encounters with Andre Brink / Karina Szczurek  
Cape Town, South Africa : Human & Rousseau, 2010  
224p.; 213 x 137 mm.  
ISBN 9780798152181  
\$ 33.50

Encounters with Andre Brink is a collection of personal essays written by some of the men and women who have briefly or over many years shared their lives with Andre Brink: family members; friends and lovers; publishers and translators; colleagues, students, fellow writers and other artists.

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Beeches / Helen Watson  
Durban, South Africa : Just Done Productions & Publishing, 2010  
241p.;  
ISBN 9781920315498  
\$ 25.00

Sir Randolphe Browne esq., a descendant of the Roger de Montgomery who built Shrewsbury Castle over 400 years previously, had been a courtier at Henry VIII's court. His main concern was to steer his way through the upheavals brought about by His Majesty's break with Rome and his subsequent marriages, make his fortune and retire with his head still firmly attached to his shoulders. When the monasteries were closed down he acquired a stretch of land to the north of his native Shrewsbury. He retired to Shropshire on his majesty's death in 1547 with his neck intact, a knighthood, the fortune for which he'd aimed, and some very fine jewels that he had acquired along the way. Only then did he build the home he had long planned. Unwittingly he founded a dynasty for which the homestead, Beeches, would be the anchor and focus throughout England's subsequent history.

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Intimately Absent / Cas Vos  
Pretoria, South Africa : Protea Book House, 2010  
48p.;  
ISBN 9781869193638  
\$ 21.75

The poet Cas Vos has already established a reputation with his Previous collections of love poetry. In Intimately Absent he once again

touches on the themes of love and loss. In this remarkable collection, beautifully translated by Leon de Kock, he depicts the gripping tale of the doomed medieval lovers, the philosopher Peter Abelard and the nun Heloise, by way of a dialogue. The poems are based on the actual letters they wrote each other after they were so cruelly separated. In this dialogue the poet succeeds in making their longing for each other very real. The series is concluded with poems that give voice to their child, Astralabe. In these he tells of his yearning for the parents he never knew. In the last section the sombre shadow of death comes to the fore, but even here love tempers all.

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The Thin Line / Arja Salafranca  
Cape Town, South Africa : Modjaji Books CC, 2010  
220p.; 210 x 136 mm.  
ISBN 9781920397081  
\$ 24.50

The short stories in The Thin Line show what happens when a writer casts a thin line into a pool of character and situation.

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The Everyday Wife / Phillipa Yaa de Villiers  
Cape Town, South Africa : Modjaji Books CC, 2010  
92p.; 210 x 136 mm.  
ISBN 9781920397050  
\$ 21.75

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This Place I Call Home / Meg Vandermerwe  
Cape Town, South Africa : Modjaji Books CC, 2010  
160p.; 210 x 136 mm.  
ISBN 9781920397029  
\$ 24.50

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Last Summer / Craig Higginson  
Johannesburg, South Africa : Picador Africa, 2010  
205p.; 234 x 153 mm.  
ISBN 9781770101814  
\$ 32.50

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Close to the sources: Essays on Contemporary African Culture,  
Politics and  
Academy / Maurice Taonezvi Vambe  
Pretoria, South Africa : UNISA Press, 2009  
ISBN 9781868885497

\$ 29.50

This is one of the first books in Africa to explore the status and critical relationships between politics, culture, literary creativity, criticism, education and publishing in the context of promoting Africa's indigenous knowledge systems. The book's main themes are built around literary culture, the role of meta-criticism and education in post independence Africa. While building on the theoretical blocks of Cabral's works, the book assimilates insights from some important sources of scholarship in Africa and creates space for itself to - revise and extend Amilcar Cabral's concept of the Return To The Source and introduce in critical ways, notions of inter-, cross-, and trans-disciplinary approaches to the understanding of African culture, politics and the academy.

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Eyes Across the Water - Navigating the Indian Ocean / Pamila Gupta, Isabel Hofmeyr & Michael Pearson (eds)  
Pretoria, South Africa : UNISA Press, 2010  
ISBN 9781868885725  
\$ 35.00

As we head for a post-American world, attention is increasingly turning towards the Indian Ocean as the coming strategic arena of the 21st century.

Audacious Somali pirates astound international media audiences. The New economic super-powers, India and China exert palpable global influence. The two Asian powers squabble for control of shipping lanes and oil supplies and for dominance of African markets and minerals. Al-Qaida continues to operate around the Indian Ocean littoral in Tanzania, Kenya, Comoros, Indonesia and Yemen. As an arena in which these developments intersect, the Indian Ocean offers a privileged vantage point from which to track a changing world order.

This book captures the complexities of these emerging Indian Ocean realities. With a foreword by world-renowned novelist Amitav Ghosh, many of whose novels address the Indian Ocean, this collection of essays asks what the Indian Ocean means now. What are the links, circuits and exchanges that both unite and divide different regions? Is there an idea of the Indian Ocean?

Building on older traditions of studying the Indian Ocean, this book offers new departures. Much Indian Ocean scholarship focuses on South Asia or the Middle East. How does one factor Africa into this Ocean world? Several essays answer this question by examining interactions between Africa and India. Another theme focuses on islands in the Indian Ocean as a way of understanding key themes in Indian Ocean history.

This collection includes prominent scholars of the Indian Ocean and offers

rich interdisciplinary perspectives that draw in film, literature, media, tourism, religion and music.

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At a Glance: More on Manila's Corporate Jungle / Antonio R. Samson  
Mandaluyong City: Cacho Publishing House, Inc., 2009  
234p. ; 23cm.

ISBN-13: 9789711902247

Fiction

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Bilbid : Growing up beneath prison walls / Romeo P Virtusio ;

Foreword by

Dr. Bienvenido L Lumbera

San Juan City : CONTEXT Innovators & Resources International Inc.,  
2009

Xvii, 208p.

978-971-94638-0-1

Fiction

\$ 19.95

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=119314>

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Connecting Flights: Filipinos Write From Elsewhere / Ruel S. De Vera  
(Edited)

Manila: Anvil Publishing, Inc., 2010

xi. 169p. ; 20cm.

ISBN-13: 9789712723391

\$ 18.00

Connecting Flights: Filipinos Write From Elsewhere straps in the words of talented contemporary Filipino writers as they set off for places known and unknown, where the dream destinations beckon and the traveler never stops moving.

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Likhaan 3: The Journal of Contemporary Philippine Literature /  
Cristina

Pantoja Hidalgo (Editor)

Quezon City: UP Institute of Creative Writing, 2009

ix. 248p. ; 23cm.

ISSN: 1908-8795

\$ 18.80

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=119319>

Writing Athwart: Adelina Gurrea's Life and Works =La Escritura  
Entrecruzada  
de Adelina Gurrea / Beatriz Alvarez Tardio  
Quezon City: Distributed by Ateneo de Manila University Press, 2009  
290p. ; 23cm.  
ISBN-13: 9788461316212  
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2. Philippine literature (Spanish) - Translations into English  
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This book is the result of a quest for recovering Philippine  
Identities forged with a melting pot of Spanish materials. Adelina Gurrea was  
born in the Philippines of Spanish parents; later, at the age of 25 years,  
she had to move to Spain with her mother. From both places she contributed to  
Philippine writing.

This bilingual anthology bridges the readers to and from the many  
shores of this world. It celebrates the author's original texts and facilitates  
access to them through its translation into English.

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Trese: Murder on Balete Drive / Budgee Tan  
Pasig City: Visual Print Enterprises, 2008  
91p. ; 23cm.  
ISBN-13: 9789719257479  
1. Case 1: At the Intersection of Balete and 13th Street  
2. Case 2: Rules of the Race  
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Trese: Mass Murders / Budgee Tan  
Pasig City: Visual Print Enterprises, 2008  
140p. ; 23cm.  
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Case 10: Patient 414 in Mandaluyong  
Case 11: The Fort Bonifacio Massacre  
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Case 13: An Act of War

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Philippine Speculative Fiction IV / Dean Francis Alfar & Nikki Alfar  
(Edited)

Philippines: (S : N), 2009

xii. 178p. ; 23cm.

ISBN-13: 9789719343035

\$ 15.00

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Kulokabildo =Dialogues with Cebuano Writers (CD Included) / Hope S. Yu  
(Edited)

Philippines: University of San Carlos, Cebuano Studies Center, 2009

366p. ; 22cm.

ISBN-13: 9789715390149

\$ 25.00

Composed with talented style and sincerity, each of the interviews of The twenty-four very different Cebuano writers in this collection has the Power to impress and surprise the reader. Taken together, they form an Assemblage of some of the Cebuano strongest lyrical and imaginative voices. Directly connecting the lives and works of these extra-ordinary writers, the interviews enrich our appreciation of their contributions to literature and popular culture.

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The Other Other / Isagani R. Cruz  
Manila: FarEastern University, 2010  
vi. 450p. ; 23cm.

ISBN-13: 9789716780338

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2. Criticism - Philippines
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Pungsod: Damming the Nation: Region/Nation and the Global Order in Contemporary West Visayan Literature / Isodoro M. Cruz  
Iloilo City: University of San Agustin Publishing House, 2009  
x. 184p.; 23cm.  
ISBN-13: 9789710381210  
\$ 20.00  
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I Asked a Cicada and Other Poems 1975 - 1984 / Julius P. Elvas  
Iloilo City: University Coordinating Centre for Research and Publication,  
1996  
80cm. ; 23cm.  
ISBN-13: 9789710381203  
\$ 10.00  
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Winning Peace: FEU ACP essays 2004-2007 / Noel B. Bejo, Ariel R. Valeza & Danny T. Vibas (Editors)  
Manila: Far Eastern University Publications, 2008  
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