



GREAT READS

Indulge yourself with Julia Mafcher's pick of the month's hottest new releases

ENGROSSING CRIME

Silent Predator by Tony Park (Quercus, R114,95) Robert Greaves disappears from his luxury lodge in the Kruger National Park. Detective Tom Furey vows to find him – dead or alive. Vivid and compelling.

DARK HUMOUR

Palo Alto by James Franco (Faber and Faber, R206,95) A group of university students experiment with vices of all kinds as they struggle with new responsibilities. A witty and inventive debut novel offering raw insight into the teenage mind.

SPINE-CHILLER

Bad Blood by Amanda Coetsee (Pan Macmillan, R195) Harry is abandoned and raised by a clan of Irish Travellers. Years later Harry, now a detective, investigates a string of child murders and abductions dating back to 1985. The case forces him to delve into his childhood. An exciting novel from a talented local author.

FAMILY SECRETS

30 Nights in Amsterdam by Etienne van Heerden (The Penguin Group SA, R200) When his aunt in Amsterdam dies, Henk, an art researcher from the Eastern Cape, travels there to claim his inheritance. But shocking secrets from his childhood await him. An absorbing and haunting read.

HISTORICAL INTRIGUE

Good as Gold by Louise Patten (Quercus, R184,95) When Edie joins the family business, she seeks to uncover the truth about her great-grandfather. Rumoured to have carried a fortune off the *Titanic*, Edie learns his conniving ways and truths about *Titanic*'s sinking. A majestic new novel.

HEART-WARMING READ

Is Just a Movie by Earl Lovelace (Faber and Faber, R206,95) It's 1970 and the Black Power rebellion in Trinidad is over. Two boys hope to make a name for themselves in a movie being shot on the island, but something strange happens and a magical story unfolds.

REAL-LIFE DRAMA

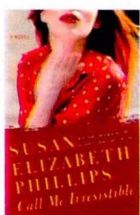
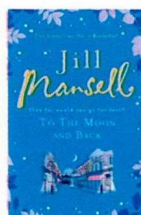
Radhika's Story by Sharon Hendry (Zebra Press, R190) All it took was a sip of spiked Coca-Cola to propel Radhika into a nightmare she could not wake up from: human trafficking in India. But she refused to accept this was her fate. An incredible testament that love conquers all.



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CHICK-LITS

Take time out to indulge in one of these light-hearted novels



- ✦ **Sleeping Arrangements** by Sophie Kinsella (Black Swan, R115)
 - ✦ **To the Moon and Back** by Jill Mansell (Headline, R180)
 - ✦ **Call Me Irresistible** by Susan Elizabeth Phillips (HarperCollins, R165)
 - ✦ **The Last Letter from your Lover** by Jojo Moyes (Hodder & Stoughton, R110)
 - ✦ **Encore Valentine** by Adriana Trigiani (Simon & Schuster, R110)
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Paperbacks of the month

- ✦ **31 Bond Street** by Ellen Horan (Blue Door, R120) Story of the 1857 murder of Dr Harvey Burdell.
- ✦ **Time's Legacy** by Barbara Erskine (HarperCollins, R120) Ancient secrets, strangers and mysteries. Compelling.
- ✦ **The Long Song** by Andrea Levy (Headline Review, R110) A tale set in Jamaica during the last turbulent years of slavery.
- ✦ **A Game of Sorrows** by Shona MacLean (Quercus,

- R114,95) A thriller set in 17th-century Scotland.
- ✦ **The Bones of Avalon** by Phil Rickman (Corvus, R142,95) The first in a thrilling Tudor crime series.
- ✦ **The Sacred Vault** by Andy McDermott (Headline Book Publishing, R100) A race to discover a hidden vault.
- ✦ **Under Heaven** by Guy Gavriel Kay (Harper Voyager, R120) A novel of heroes, concubines, and emperors. w&h