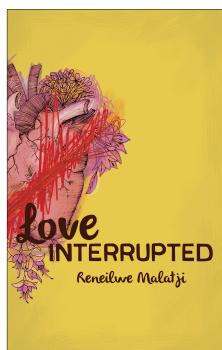


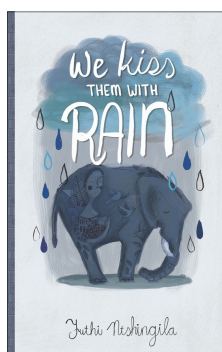
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Themes: Work, Love, Patriarchy, Racism, Community

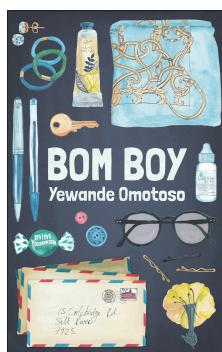
In her collection of short fiction, **Reneilwe Malatji** invites us into the intimate lives of South African women—their whispered conversations, their love lives, their triumphs and heartbreaks. An engaging collection full of rich, memorable characters who navigate work, love, patriarchy, and racism with thoughtfulness, strength, and humor.

"Many readers will see themselves in—and find themselves rooting for—the women in Malatji's solid debut." — *Kirkus Reviews*



Themes: Coming-of-Age, HIV-AIDS, Poverty, Sexual Violence, Family

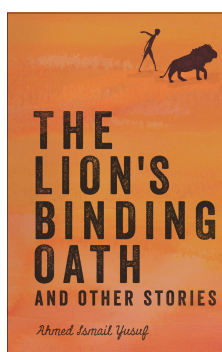
Mvelo's life in a Durban, South Africa squatter camp hasn't been easy. Her mother is HIV-positive, with worsening health, and Mvelo's secret is getting harder to hide every day. Touching on issues of displacement, sexual assault, family and African culture, the characters in *We Kiss Them With Rain* survive emotionally and physically challenging situations with hope, humor, and resilience. **Futhi Ntshingila's** debut novel has earned her starred reviews from *Kirkus* and *Shelf Awareness*.



Themes: Family, Loss, Adoption, Love, Incarceration, Spirituality

Leke, a young man adopted at birth, leads an isolated life in Cape Town. His struggles to belong cause him to seek unusual connections. When his adoptive father gives him a series of letters that hold the secret to his past, Leke attempts to break a curse that he learns has plagued his biological family for generations. The North American debut of **Yewande Omotoso's** (*The Woman Next Door*) debut novel.

"...intricately structured [...] powerfully evokes family as a source of loss and struggle, but also of hope." — *Foreword Reviews*



Themes: War, Displacement, Family, Refugees, Soccer, Music, Poetry

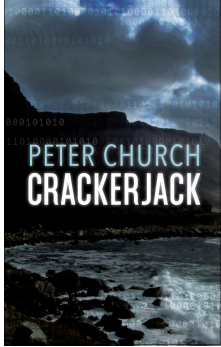
Beneath Somalia's recent history of war and displacement lies human stories—families, clans, lovers, neighbors, and friends, all bound together through common cultural, religious, and historical ties in this debut short story collection by **Ahmed Ismail Yusuf**. *The Lion's Binding Oath* was selected as a Midwest Connections Pick by the Midwest Independent Booksellers Association.

"Yusuf draws us in with descriptions that bring beauty to minute details..." — *Library Journal*

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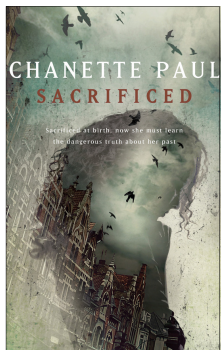
Does your book club like to walk on the darker side? Try these international thrillers!



Themes: International Finance, Dark Web, Hackers

Reformed hacker Daniel Le Fleur loves the quiet serenity of his life in Bantry Bay. But when Carla Vitale comes to him asking for help to find her missing boss, and 20 million in the company's funds, Daniel's quiet, organized life gets messy. Dark web secrets exposed, a spate of mysterious deaths, and with real-life killers on their trail, **Peter Church's** US-debut thriller immerses readers in the world of financial crime, corporate fraud, and software hacking.

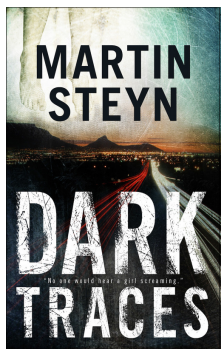
"[A] smart, cleverly plotted thriller that takes readers into the darker corners of the digital world." — James Lilliefors, author *The Leviathan Effect* and *The Psalmist*



Themes: History, Family, Colonialism, Crime, Race, Literature in Translation

The US and English language debut of best-selling South African author **Chanette Paul**. Rejected by her parents, sister, husband, everyone except her extraordinary and unusual daughter, Caz Colijn lives a secluded life in her own little patch of Africa. But a single phone call from her estranged sister shatters her refuge. This phone call is just the first step down an ever-widening tunnel into Caz's painful past. Jetting between Belgium and Africa, *Sacrificed* seamlessly crosses borders and decades with a fiercely captivating story.

"[A] page-turner that will keep you reading long past the moment the midnight oil burns out [...] *Sacrificed* places Chanette Paul among the classiest thriller writers of our day." — *New York Journal of Books*



Themes: Serial Killers, Family, Detectives, Crime, Literature in Translation

The US and English language debut of South African author **Martin Steyn**. A girl has been found dead near a Cape Town suburb, and she's not the first. When another girl is found dead days later, Detective Jan Magson and Inspector Colin Menck find themselves in a race against the clock to stop this killer before it's too late.

"A tense and grisly debut novel of suspense from South Africa." *Kirkus* (starred review)

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