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In the Johannesburg township of Soweto, a young black gangster in South Africa, who leads a group of violent criminals, slowly discovers the meaning of compassion, dignity, and his own humanity.

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Tsotsi is an angry young gang leader in the South African township of Sophiatown. A man without a past, he exists only to kill and steal. But one night, in a moonlit grove of bluegum trees, a woman he attempts to rape forces a shoebox into his arms. The box contains a baby, and his life is inexorably changed. He begins to remember his childhood, to rediscover himself and his capacity for love. Turned into an Oscar-winning movie in 2006, Tsotsi's raw power and rare humanity show how decency and compassion can survive against the odds.

THE RETURN OF TSOTSI

After spending twenty years in prison, Tsotsi returns to a world that feels both familiar and strange. Once a dangerous gangster, he now finds himself looking for a new purpose. His search leads him to Aap, his old friend, who has changed his life and become a pastor. Tsotsi also meets John, a taxi driver with his own troubled past. As Tsotsi tries to move forward, he is forced to face the choices he made and the relationships he left behind. Through his struggles, Tsotsi must decide if he can leave his past behind or if it will continue to control him. The Return Of Tsotsi is a powerful story about change, forgiveness, and the difficult journey toward a better life

Can Themba

Mahala's biography gives insight into the life and writing of Can Themba (1924–1967), an iconic figure of the South African literary world and Drum journalist who died in exile. This rich and absorbing biography of Can Themba, iconic Drum-era journalist and writer, is the definitive history of a larger-than-life man who died too young. Siphiwo Mahala's intensive and often fresh research features unprecedented archival access and interviews with Themba's surviving colleagues and family. Mahala's biography takes a critical historical approach to Themba's life and writing, giving a picture of the whole man, from his early beginnings in Marabastad to his sombre end in exile in Swaziland. The better-known elements of his life – his political views, passion for teaching and mentoring, family life and his drinking – are woven together with an examination of his literary influences and the impact of his own writing (especially his famous short story 'The Suit') on modern African writers in turn. Mahala, a master storyteller, deftly follows the threads of Themba's dynamic life, showcasing his intellectual acumen, scholarly aptitude and wit, along with his flaws, contradictions and heartbreaks, against a backdrop of the sparkle and pathos of Sophiatown of the 1950s. Can Themba's successes and failures as well as his triumphs and tribulations reverberate on the pages of this long-awaited biography. The result is an authoritative and entertaining account of an often misunderstood figure in South Africa's literary canon.

Bo-tsotsi

Crime and the closely-related issues of youth culture and unemployment, are among the most important social concerns facing post-apartheid leadership in South Africa. This is a textured social history of African

youth gangs in the Johannesburg/Soweto area from the emergence of a juvenile delinquency crisis in the 1930s through to the student-led uprising of 1976.

Studying Tsotsi

Studying Tsotsi covers world cinema as a genre, or the cultural and imperialistic implications of Hollywood versus the world.

Anti-social Bandits, Culture Resistance and the Tsotsi Sub-culture on the Witwatersrand During the 1940s and 1950s

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The Novel Tsotsi and its Adaptation on Film

Crime and the closely-related issues of youth culture and unemployment, are among the most important social concerns facing post-apartheid leadership in South Africa. The gang subculture emerged in a context of social deprivation and stunted mobility. Young urban men, out of school and unemployed, coalesced into gangs to create a world with its own rules, style and status structures. Drawing on powerful street and neighbourhood identities, gangs provided young males with companionship, a sense of security, and dignity. The book also depicts the relationship between political organizations and gang constituencies. Gangs were extremely difficult to mobilize on a formal level. Although in some respects politicized, and sympathetic to political campaigns, youth gangs found the respectable methods and intellectual discourse of political organizations alienating. While sensitive to the plight of black urban youth, the ANC recoiled from mobilizing the volatile and potentially violent gangs. Other liberation movements, such as the PAC and the Black Consciousness Movement, made concerted attempts to appeal to the gangs but, ultimately, they were forced to dissociate themselves. North America: Heinemann

Bo-tsotsi

Inyongo is bile, according to doctors. To Zulu, Xhosa, Swazi and Ndebele patients Inyongo is both an illness and bile. It is a complex illness, a \"Crypto-illness.\" The Pedi, Sotho and Tswana patients call it Nyooko or Kgala. Inyonga to the Tsonga and Dzinyongwe in ThiVenda. What the doctors know about Inyongo and what the Nguni patient understands about Inyongo are miles apart. This book is a fun way of bridging that gap.

INYONGO The Usual Suspect

The acclaimed author's \"mesmerizing tale\" of a young man and woman who struggle to survive in the remote, disputed territory of 19th-century New Hampshire (Kirkus Reviews, starred review). With an oxcart full of rum, a man known as Blood travels through the wild country of New England toward an ungoverned territory called the Indian Stream—a land where the luckless or outlawed can make a fresh start. Blood is a man of contradictions, of learning and wisdom, but also a man with a secret past that has scorched his soul. Intending to establish himself as a prosperous trader, he brings with him Sally, a sixteen-year-old girl he won from her mother in a game of cards. Blood and Sally's arrival in the Indian Stream triggers an escalating series of clashes that soon destroy the master/servant bond between them, offering both a second chance with life. But as the conflicts within the community attract the attention of outside authorities, Blood becomes a target for those in need of a scapegoat, forcing him to confront dreaded apparitions from his past, while Sally is offered a final escape. \"In intensely charged prose very reminiscent of Faulkner's,\" *Lost Nation* delves beneath the bright, promising veneer of early-nineteenth-century New England to reveal a startling, violent parable of individualism and nationhood (Kirkus Reviews, starred review). \"A rousing tale that will surely please the readers of his first, bestselling novel, *In the Fall*.\" —Publishers Weekly \"Jeffrey Lent has quietly created some of the finest novels of our new century.\" —Ron Rash \"Sentence by sentence rural New England comes alive, and Lent's language draws you in like a clear stream in summer.\" —Tim Gautreaux

Lost Nation

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A dictionary offering an insight into a dynamic lingua franca known as Tsotsitaal. This colourful language permeates many corners of the daily lives of people, and the language combines Afrikaans and a variety of

other indigenous language elements. The book won a dictionary award, and has gone into reprint by popular demand.

Tsotsi-taal

This vivid evocation of the lives of 32 boys from a Johannesburg township is essential reading for anybody wishing to understand black masculinity in South Africa. *Becoming Men* is the story of 32 boys from Alexandra, one of Johannesburg's largest townships, over a period of twelve seminal years in which they negotiate manhood and masculinity. Psychologist and academic Malose Langa has documented graphically what it means to be a young black man in contemporary South Africa. The boys discuss a range of topics including the impact of absent fathers, relationships with mothers, siblings and girls, school violence, academic performance, homophobia, gangsterism, unemployment and, in one case, prison life. Dominant themes that emerge are deep ambivalence, self-doubt and hesitation in the boys' approaches to alternative masculinities that are non-violent, non-sexist and non-risk-taking. The difficulties of negotiating the multiple voices of masculinity are exposed as many of the boys appear simultaneously to comply with and oppose the prevalent norms. Providing a rich interpretation of how emotional processes affect black adolescent boys, Langa suggests interventions and services to support and assist them, especially in reducing the high-risk behaviours generally associated with hegemonic masculinity. This is essential reading for students, researchers and scholars of gender studies who wish to understand manhood and masculinity in South Africa. Psychologists, youth workers, lay counsellors and teachers who work with adolescent boys will also find it invaluable.

Becoming Men

South African National Cinema examines how cinema in South Africa represents national identities, particularly with regard to race. This significant and unique contribution establishes interrelationships between South African cinema and key points in South Africa's history, showing how cinema figures in the making, entrenching and undoing of apartheid. This study spans the twentieth century and beyond through detailed analyses of selected films, beginning with *De Voortrekkers* (1916) through to *Mapantsula* (1988) and films produced post apartheid, including *Drum* (2004), *Tsotsi* (2005) and *Zulu Love Letter* (2004). Jacqueline Maingard discusses how cinema reproduced and constructed a white national identity, taking readers through cinema's role in building white Afrikaner nationalism in the 1930s and 1940s. She then moves to examine film culture and modernity in the development of black audiences from the 1920s to the 1950s, especially in a group of films that includes *Jim Comes to Joburg* (1949) and *Come Back, Africa* (1959). Jacqueline Maingard also considers the effects of the apartheid state's film subsidy system in the 1960s and 1970s and focuses on cinema against apartheid in the 1980s. She reflects upon shifting national cinema policies following the first democratic election in 1994 and how it became possible for the first time to imagine an inclusive national film culture. Illustrated throughout with excellent visual examples, this cinema history will be of value to film scholars and historians, as well as to practitioners in South Africa today.

South African National Cinema

"If there is a more urgent and indispensable playwright in world theatre than South Africa's Athol Fugard, I don't know who it could be." --Jack Kroll, *Newsweek* One of the true contemporary masters of the stage, South African playwright Athol Fugard has written one of his most stunning works. *Sorrows and Rejoicings* explores the legacy of Apartheid on two women--one white, the other black--who on the surface seem to have little in common except for their love of one man, a white poet who is attached to the Karoo land of South Africa. The drama moves between past and present, reliving the poet's despondent years in exile and his eventual return to a new South Africa. With lyrical grace, Fugard once again demonstrates the human struggle to transcend the treacherous injustices of history. South African playwright, actor and director, Athol Fugard is one of the world's leading theatre artists, of whom *The New Yorker* has said, "A rare playwright,

who could be a primary candidate for either the Nobel Prize on Literature or the Nobel Peace Prize.\" Also available by Athol Fugard: The Road to Mecca PB \$11.95 0-930452-79-8 * USA My Children! My Africa! PB \$10.95 1-55936-014-3 o USA Statements PB \$10.95 0-930452-61-5 * USA Blood Knot and Other Plays PB \$ 14.95 1-55936-020-8 * USA Valley Song PB \$10.95 1-55936-119-0 * USA

Sorrows and Rejoicings

The New Century of South African Poetry presents the challenges of a new millennium. From a 'post-apartheid' perspective, South Africa rejoins the world as it seeks a home. Simultaneously, it searches the past for a shared though diverse inheritance.

Truths the Hand Can Touch

This volume explores and compares linguistic practices among young people in linguistically and culturally diverse urban spaces.

The New Century of South African Poetry

South African quarterly.

Language, Youth and Identity in the 21st Century

ZOOT SUIT (n.): the ultimate in clothes. The only totally and truly American civilian suit. —Cab Calloway, The Hepster's Dictionary, 1944 Before the fashion statements of hippies, punks, or hip-hop, there was the zoot suit, a striking urban look of the World War II era that captivated the imagination. Created by poor African American men and obscure tailors, the \"drape shape\" was embraced by Mexican American pachucos, working-class youth, entertainers, and swing dancers, yet condemned by the U.S. government as wasteful and unpatriotic in a time of war. The fashion became notorious when it appeared to trigger violence and disorder in Los Angeles in 1943—events forever known as the \"zoot suit riot.\" In its wake, social scientists, psychiatrists, journalists, and politicians all tried to explain the riddle of the zoot suit, transforming it into a multifaceted symbol: to some, a sign of social deviance and psychological disturbance, to others, a gesture of resistance against racial prejudice and discrimination. As controversy swirled at home, young men in other places—French zazous, South African tsotsi, Trinidadian saga boys, and Russian stiliagi—made the American zoot suit their own. In Zoot Suit, historian Kathy Peiss explores this extreme fashion and its mysterious career during World War II and after, as it spread from Harlem across the United States and around the world. She traces the unfolding history of this style and its importance to the youth who adopted it as their uniform, and at the same time considers the way public figures, experts, political activists, and historians have interpreted it. This outré style was a turning point in the way we understand the meaning of clothing as an expression of social conditions and power relations. Zoot Suit offers a new perspective on youth culture and the politics of style, tracing the seam between fashion and social action.

New People

Genre: Drama Characters: 2 males 1 female Scenery: Bare Stage On board the SS Graigaur a young sailor begins to pen his first novel. Assisted by his muse a portrait of his mother comes to life and supported by his friend an illiterate ship's mechanic he struggles to balance romance and reality. This most personal of Athol Fugard's works is strictly autobiographical; at twenty he abandoned his university education hitch hiked up Africa and ended up on a tramp steamer in Port Sudan. This play reflects his attempts to come to terms with the conflicting emotions evoked by memories of his courageous mother and flawed father. \"Charming... Admire The Captain's Tiger and the lovely way in which it is told.\" - The New York Daily News

Contrast

With an eye to the playful, reflexive, self-conscious ways in which global youth engage with each other online, this volume analyzes user-generated data from these interactions to show how communication technologies and multilingual resources are deployed to project local as well as trans-local orientations. With examples from a range of multilingual settings, each author explores how youth exploit the creative, heteroglossic potential of their linguistic repertoires, from rudimentary attempts to engage with others in a second language to hybrid multilingual practices. Often, their linguistic, orthographic, and stylistic choices challenge linguistic purity and prescriptive correctness, yet, in other cases, their utterances constitute language policing, linking 'standardness' or 'correctness' to piety, trans-local affiliation, or national belonging. Written for advanced undergraduates, postgraduates and researchers in linguistics, applied linguistics, education and media and communication studies, this volume is a timely and readymade resource for researching online multilingualism with a range of methodologies and perspectives.

CLA Journal

"Sizwe Bansi Is Dead reveals the perversities of human identity in a country where a man is equal to his passbook. The Island celebrates the strength of man's connection to man, even within the dehumanizing confines of a prison cell on Robben Island. Statements After an Arrest Under the Immorality Act depicts the shattering of two lives under the harsh glare of South Africa's miscegenation laws."--Publisher description.

Valley Song

South Africa: A Botched Civilization? examines how South African novelists, both Black and white, portray the impact of racial conflict on the identities of both the oppressed and the oppressor. This book gives an in-depth analysis of several major authors and focuses on prejudice and its consequences. The discussion of racism and identity is of central importance to the history and the present of South Africa. While the book focuses on literature of the era of segregation and of apartheid, the analysis of the novels reveals barriers to past, present, and future racial progress in South Africa.

English in Africa

Lists "must-see" movies in a chronological arrangement, providing information on director, producer, screenplay writer, music, cast members, and awards, along with a detailed review of each.

Zoot Suit

In December 2000, Pumla Lolwana pulled her three children close to her body and stepped in front of a train on the railway tracks between Philippi and Nyanga on the Cape Flats, South Africa. This true story demanded Athol Fugard's attention and compelled him to write *The Train Driver*; a beautiful and haunting play of redemptive power. The *Train Driver* received its UK premiere at Hampstead Theatre, London, in November 2010. 'Brave, confrontational and tender . . . Essential theatre viewing.' *Sunday Times*, South Africa

Studies in Commonwealth Literature

The three main characters in this penetrating psychological study of frustration and loneliness spend an evening together in the kitchen of the cheap Johannesburg boarding house where they live. They are Milly, the kind hearted slovenly landlady; Don, a cynical student layabout engaged in a permanent attempt to find himself and analyze others; and Shorty, a dimwitted postman whose passions are boxing and silkworms. It is Milly's fiftieth birthday and, just jilted by the German lodger with whom she has lived for the last ten years, she asks the other two to join her in a wild birthday party, a gesture of defiance to prove to herself that she

too is alive and can have a good time. The others reluctantly agree.

The Captain's Tiger

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