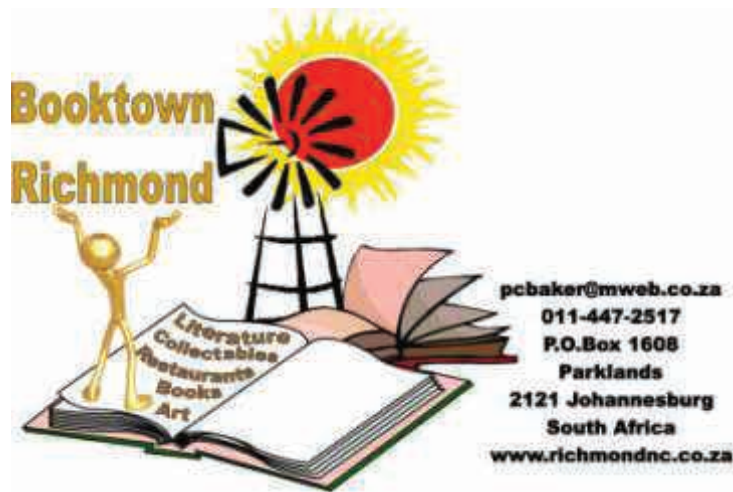




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Booktown Richmond's 6th Anniversary

BookBedonnerd V October 25,26, 27, 2012

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BOOKTOWN RICHMOND NEWSLETTER

BookBedonnerd V - 25 to 27 October

Wimbledon and the July Handicap are upon us, and that means we are just about turning for the home stretch of BookBedonnerd V in October. The excitement is building...but let's not wish our lives away and settle down to the business at hand..things like getting through the winter.

The big news is that Deon Meyer will be having the NATIONAL launch of his latest English novel in Richmond. And together with his publisher Jonathan Ball, they will be embarking on a literary tour of the Karoo starting out from Johannesburg, with Booktown Richmond their final stop. They will have on board some of the country's top literary journalists.

On their way they will overnight in Philippolis, that Stellenbosch of the Free State. I asked if they needed a tour guide but they said the bus was full! Apparently four lucky members of the public have won an all expenses paid trip to Richmond in the company of Deon Meyer through the literary heartland of SA, the Karoo. That means of course that Richmond will be bursting at the seams. You might just have to sleep with the guesthouse owners to find a bed in Richmond come the 25-27 October!!!

Since our last newsletter however there has been some good news. I finally tracked down Marius Weyers, and together with wife Yvette and her new book they have been penciled in to the lineup.

Prolific author Nico Moolman has also joined the list of illustrious writers coming to Richmond. I rate his book *The Boer Whore* highly and I am sure this will not be his last visit to Booktown Richmond in the years to come.

But the big news is that David Kramer is coming to Richmond. For years I have dreamt of this day. Ever since we started Booktown Richmond I have dreamt of meeting the man who famously said: "my tongue is English, but my heart is Afrikaans"; this in no small way reflects the essence of who I am.

When we founded Booktown Richmond Barack Obama was using that wonderful phrase, "the audacity of hope". In five short years Booktown Richmond and BookBedonnerd have shown what can be achieved through the audacity of hope.

.... the line up so far...

- 1) Deon Meyer
- 2) Mike Nicol
- 3) Karin Brynard
- 4) Sarah Lotz
- 5)Tbc
- 6) Tbc
- 7) Tbc
- 8) David Kramer
- 9) Nico Moolman - The Boer Whore

The rest of the line-up:

- 10) Ashwin Desai (Shakespeare on Robben Island)
- 11) Welma Odendaal
- 12) Anton Schoombie -The Philographer -a.k.a The Autograph Collector!
- 13) Tod Collins - Till the cows come home
- 14) Andre Pretorius - Iets ver en nuut
- 15) Darryl David / Philippe Menache - launch 102 Country Churches of SA
- 16) Achmat Dangor - CEO of Nelson Mandela Centre of Memory at Nelson Mandela Foundation - author of Bitter Fruit and Kafka's Curse
- 17) Jeanette Ferreira - Boereoorlogstories
- 18) Alexander Strachan - Dwaalpoort
- 19) Cyril Hromnik - Were Indians the first colonists in SA?
- 20) Ferial Haffajee - Editor: City Press
- 21) Gwen Fagan - Roses at the Cape of Good Hope
- 22) Omoreye Bolaji interviewed by his biographer Hector Kunene
- 23) Fanie Naude - n Alfabet van die voels
- 24) Lana Boonzaaier - Great Train Journeys of SA (Boon Boonzaaier)
- 25) Craig Mackenzie - Bosman's Johannesburg
- 26) Meredith Kempthorne (Chairperson of SA Bookdealers Association)- The remarkable story of Tony Clarke, founder of Clarke's Bookshop
- 27) Solly Dangor - Achmat Davids Cape Muslim Afrikaans
- 28) Leti Kleyn - Wopko Jensma
- 29) Denise Gilden - The Dream
- 30) Evette en Marius Weyers tbc

Darryl & Peter

