

BOOKS

THE GAY DISCIPLE: JESUS' FRIEND TELLS IT HIS OWN WAY

John Henson | John Hunt Publishing | 9781846940019 | R 217.00

What exactly was Jesus' relationship with the Beloved Disciple, with Mary and Martha? What was he like to be with, and how did he have such an impact on followers from diverse backgrounds? This 'faction' story is an eye-opening look at what life was like in Palestine during the life of Jesus, at how society functioned, the social pressures of the time, and above all at what the teaching of Jesus on the Kingdom of God really meant. 'The Beloved Disciple' tells the story from his point of view, and is also joined by the Prodigal Daughter, the Gethsemane Streaker and other real live Christians.

LIGHT BEFORE DAY

Christopher Rice | Pocket Star Books | 9780743470407 | R112.00

In West Hollywood, journalist Adam Murphy is abruptly fired while chasing a career-making story. A Marine pilot is killed when his helicopter spirals into the Pacific Ocean – and Adam suspects the death was not accidental. Battling his own demons in a city of temptations, Adam pursues the truth alongside his new boss, a famous curmudgeonly mystery writer, and discovers more than he planned about his recently estranged lover, a string of murders of other young men – and a conspiracy so extraordinary that it threatens his sanity and his life. With a talent for creating suspense-tinged fiction, Christopher Rice delivers a dark thriller of revenge and sexual obsession.

FROM SOCIAL SILENCE TO SOCIAL SCIENCE

Same-sex sexuality, HIV & AIDS and gender in South Africa

Conference proceedings edited by Vasu Reddy, Theo Sandfort, Laetitia Rispel | HSRC Press | 9780796922762 | R194.00

The book presents a unique and innovative effort to examine what we know about homosexual transmission of HIV and AIDS in South Africa. It reverses the trend whereby categories of same sex sexual practice are almost always excluded from research of HIV and AIDS, as well as from care and intervention programmes. The varied contributors – academics, activists and programme planners – draw attention to the risk behaviours and treatment needs of people who engage in homosexual sex, and explain why same-sex sexuality has to be seen as key within South African efforts to study, test and prevent HIV infection. It is essential reading for anyone involved in research, policymaking, advocacy and community development.

ANGELS OF DESTRUCTION

Keith Donohue | Random House Struik | 9780224086134 | R215.00

Norah, a 9-year-old girl seems to materialize out of thin air when she arrives one night on the doorstep of Margaret Quinn. A widow who lives alone, Margaret has never got over the loss of her own child who fled with her high school sweetheart to join a '60s-style band of West Coast revolutionaries known as the Angels of Destruction.

SUMMERTIME

J.M. Coetzee | Random House Struik | 9781846553189 | R295.00

A young English biographer is working on a book about the late writer, John Coetzee. He plans to focus on the years from 1972–1977 when Coetzee, in his thirties, is sharing a run-down cottage in the suburbs of Cape Town with his widowed father. This, the biographer senses, is the period when he was 'finding his feet as a writer'. Sometimes heartbreaking, often very funny, *Summertime* shows us a great writer as he limbers up for his task. It completes the majestic trilogy of fictionalised memoir begun with *Boyhood* and *Youth*.

THE LOST SYMBOL

Dan Brown | Random House Struik | 9780593054277 | R295.00

The extraordinary sequel to the internationally bestselling Robert Langdon thrillers, *Angels and Demons* and *The Da Vinci Code*. Set over a breathtaking 12 hour time span, the narrative takes the reader on an exhilarating journey through a masterful and unexpected landscape as Professor of Symbology, Robert Langdon, is once again called into action. Expertly researched and written with breakneck pace, *The Lost Symbol* once again demonstrates why Dan Brown is the world's best bestselling thriller writer.

