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INVITATION

PEN SA will be holding a special celebration to mark UNESCO's "**International Mother Language Day**" on 21st February 2014. This event will be hosted by Kalk Bay Books and will have three main attractions:

Tessa Dowling (UCT) will present a talk on *Seeing the World through the eyes of an African language speaker*.

Carole Bloch (UCT) will tell us about the hugely popular Nal'ibali programme and the significance of using African languages to develop a reading culture.

Nobuhle Mngcwengi (Xhosa Fundis) will talk about her mother-tongue and entertain and amuse and beguile the audience with tongue-twisters and some of her favourite songs.

Date: Friday, 21st February 2014

Time: 6.00 p.m. for 6.30 p.m.

Venue: Kalk Bay Books, 124 Main Road, Kalk Bay, Cape Town

Voluntary donation of R20,00

RSVP to events@kalkbaybooks.co.za / (021) 788 2266. Bookings limited.

Wine and juice will be on sale.

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Book Launch – *Jacob's Smile and Other Stories* by Pieter Scholtz, [17th February 2014, Durban](#)

Venue: Mondays at six at St Clements, 191 Musgrave Road, Durban
Table bookings: (031) 202-2511

Join Pieter Scholtz as he launches his new collection of short stories. *Jacob's Smile* won an award in the Anglo Platinum Short Story competition in 2006. Thereby hangs a tale which is recounted in one of several stories.

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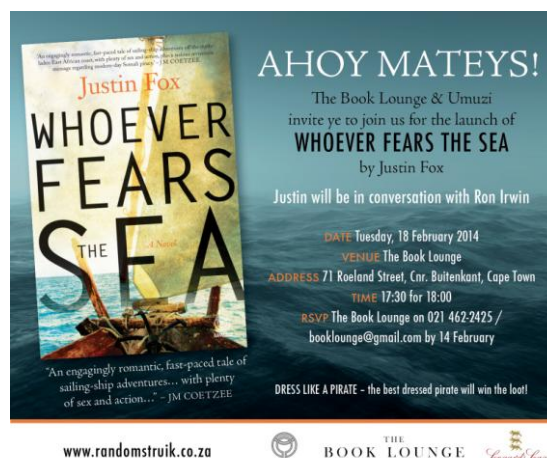
Book Launches – *Whoever Fears the Sea* by Justin Fox, [various dates & venues](#)

Join Justin as he launches his debut novel:

- 📖 **Tuesday, 18th February 2014**, The Book Lounge, Cape Town, 5.30 for 6.00 p.m., see invite below
- 📖 **Thursday, 27th February 2014**, Kalk Bay Books, Cape Town 6.00 for 6.30 p.m. Justin will be in conversation with Jacqui D'Lange. **RSVP** by emailing events@kalkbaybooks.co.za (please note that this is our new email address for events), or by calling (021) 788-2266
- 📖 **Tuesday, 4th March 2014**, Love Books, Melville, Johannesburg 6.00 for 6.30 p.m.
- 📖 **Thursday, 6th March 2014**, David Krut Books, 151 Jan Smuts Ave, Parkwood, 6.00 p.m. (booking required)

While in Kenya researching a documentary about Swahili culture, Paul Waterson becomes obsessed with finding the last remaining Mtepe dhow, a magnificent vessel harking back to Africa's rich maritime past, which he hears is washed up on a beach in Somalia. Getting someone to take him into Somali waters proves near impossible. When he does manage to talk a dhow captain into the journey, he and the crew are oblivious to the dangers that lie ahead...

Justin Fox is a travel writer and photographer based in Cape Town. His articles and photographs have appeared internationally in a number of publications and on a wide range of topics, while his short stories and poems have appeared in various anthologies. He has written scripts and directed award-winning documentaries and is a two-time Mondi journalism award winner. His most recent books include *Cape Town Calling*, *Under the Sway*, *Africa Lens* and *The Marginal Safari*. This is his first novel.



Readers Warehouse - Summer Madness Sale, 15th to 28th February 2014, countrywide



The heat must be going to our heads! Our Summer Sale is happening from 15th to 28th February 2014 at all our branches except The Waterfront. Books from R10!

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The Book People – Sale - 21st February 2014, Diep River, Cape Town

The Book People invite you to visit our new refurbished factory shop in Diep River, fully stocked with amazing new titles from top publishers around the world at fantastic prices.

21st February : 9.00 a.m. – 4.15pm

20% off everything on the shelves for 1 day only!!!!



Directions to our Factory Shop

Unit 5 De Waal Park
Cnr De Waal & Princess Vlei Roads
Diep River, 7800
Cape Town
Tel : 021 706 7650 /1 /2
Fax : 021 706 7653
Email : info@bookpeople.co.za
 www.bookpeople.co.za
Open Mon - Fri 9am - 4.30pm

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2014 Franschhoek Literary Festival press release: Historians to commemorate World War 1 centenary at Franschhoek Literary Festival

We are delighted to announce that two eminent historians – Margaret MacMillan and Norman Stone – will join us at the 2014 Franschhoek Literary Festival, where the centenary of World War 1 will be commemorated in a number of events.

The full programme for FLF 2014 (16th to 18th May 2014) will be posted on www.flf.co.za by mid--March.

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Publications received

SA PEN has received the following publications. Should you wish to read any of them please contact Deborah on rudebs@icon.co.za

- *South Africa Survey 2013* by the *South African Institute of Race Relations*, Mandela Commemorative Edition; Editor-in-Chief: John Kane Berman

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African Women Writers Residency. Deadline = 15th March 2014

FEMRITE (the Ugandan Women Writers’ Association) is calling for submissions for the 6th Residency for African Women Writers which will be co-hosted with the Swedish literary magazine Karavan, in October 2014.

The 10-Day Writing Residency will give selected writers the opportunity to work on their writing projects, interact with other writers, give and receive literary feedback from mentors and to give ideas for strengthening collaboration among women writers’ initiatives in Africa.

Who is eligible? Any African woman writer who lives on the Continent and needs such space and is able to write & express themselves in English.

How to Submit:

- Send part of a novel / short story collection that you would like to work on during the residency (4 000 words approximately)
- Send one complete short story (minimum 3000 words) for the 6th Regional Residency Publication
- Brief bio (half page – name, country, writing related accomplishments/interests)

Deadline for submissions is 15th March 2014. Successful applicants will be notified by 30th May 2014.

The residency will cover return air tickets, accommodation and all meals for the period of the residency. For further inquiries and submissions please email info@femriteug.org / femriteregionalresidency2014@gmail.com.

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AERODROME monthly newsletters

AERODROME debuted its first monthly newsletter on Thursday, 6th February 2014 - featuring a selection of favourite interviews, extracts, reviews, and original creative writing, published on the site during the previous month. This is a great way to keep up with all the awesome things happening on aerodrome.co.za

You can sign up to the newsletter by visiting <http://aerodrome.co.za/email> and filling in the form. The newsletter will land in your in-box on the first Thursday of every month.

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A warm **welcome to new member:** Masande Ntshanga



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Had a book published recently? Attended or participated in a Festival? Won an award? Achieved a personal milestone of note? The compiler would welcome any news of your activities for future issues of the SA PEN e-newsletter. Please e-mail your contributions to rudebs@icon.co.za.

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Forthcoming events

- ❖ **International Mother Language Day** – 21st February 2014. The main focus of the 2014 International Mother Language Day is *Local Languages for Global Citizenship: spotlight on Science*.
- ❖ **Dubai Festival of Literature** – 4th to 8th March 2013. www.eaifl.com
- ❖ **Woordfees** – 6th to 16th March 2014, Stellenbosch. www.woordfees.co.za
- ❖ **Time of the Writer International Writers Festival** – 17th to 22nd March 2013, Durban. www.cca.ukzn.ac.za
- ❖ **Knysna Literary Festival** – 18th to 23rd March 2013. www.knysnaliteraryfestival.co.za

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All information regarding awards/competitions, residencies, festivals, etc., included in this newsletter is passed on to you as a service to SA PEN members. Any questions regarding entry rules, entry processes, festival programmes, etc., should be forwarded direct to the relevant organisers. SA PEN attempts to establish that the information received is genuine before passing this on to our members, but we cannot be held responsible should that not be the case.



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