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Insights from the 2019 Franschoek Literary Festival

This past weekend, the Franschoek Literary Festival (FLF) brought authors, book-lovers and literati from across the country and the continent together for three days of lively panel discussions, debate and even a bit of good, old-fashioned revelry.

A number of PEN SA professional members participated in the programme and the PEN SA communications team was out in full force to show its support.

Read a few of our insights gained.



Independent bookstores to support in (almost) every corner of South Africa

Bookshops are magical places, aren't they? Possibly the closest thing to stepping into the centre of a multiverse where the portals to ten thousand realms beckon you to explore.

Independent bookstores hold a particular kind of charm, often becoming the literary heartbeat of a specific area – the spot where book-lovers of all ages comfortably convene, the place where everyone knows your name and exactly what you like to read.

However, as our lives get busier and convenience trumps leisurely experience, we may find ourselves browsing books online more often than getting lost among the shelves of a physical store. This winter, we'd like to urge you to revisit to your literary roots and treat yourself to a cosy real-life shopping experience at one of these wonderful indie bookshops across South Africa.

Read more.



İlkyaz - amplifying the voice of young writers in Turkey

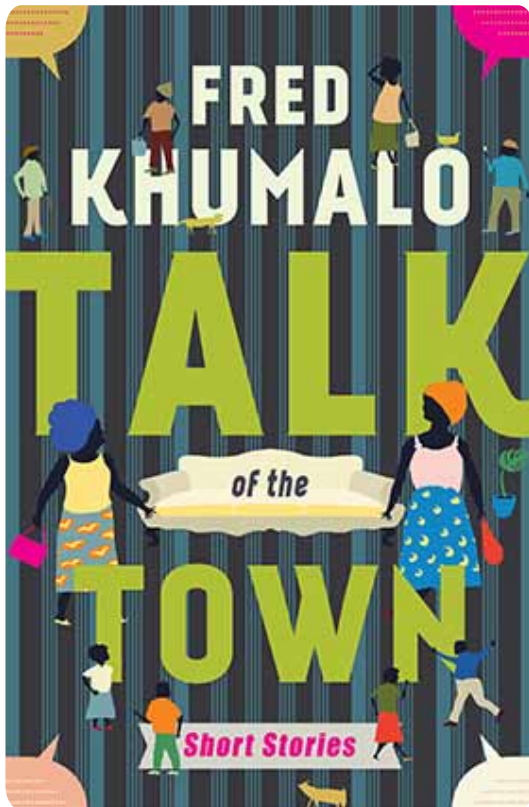
İlkyaz is a monthly, literary platform, supported by PEN International, that features works from writers in Turkey who are under the age of 35 and whose voices are rarely heard. The publication aims to do this by showcasing the prose or poetry of three selected writers each month.

Since launching in December 2018, İlkyaz – meaning early Spring – has partnered with a different PEN Centre every month to ensure that the work of each set of three writers is distributed as widely as possible in Turkey and beyond.

PEN South Africa is proud and humbled to be partnering with İlkyaz this month and being part of such a worthy cause. The three young writers we will be featuring are Ceren Mete, Bekir Dadir and Emre Saruhan.

[Read more.](#)

MEMBERS' NEW TITLES



New and upcoming releases from PEN SA members includes *Talk of the Town* by Fred Khumalo.

CALLS FOR SUBMISSIONS

[Call for pieces: Living While Feminist \(Deadline 20 June\)](#)

[Calling all first-time authors: submit your manuscript for the Dinaane Debut Fiction Award \(Deadline 31 May\)](#)

[Call for papers: Africa Century International African Writers Conference \(Deadline 10 June\)](#)

[Apply for the Logan Nonfiction Program \(Deadline 15 June\)](#)

[Call for Submissions: Geko Mofolo Prize for Outstanding Fiction in Sesotho \(Deadline 31 July\)](#)

[Calling all southern African women writers: submit your manuscripts to Modjaji Books \(Submissions open 1 March\)](#)

Please send us your new releases
to newslettereditor@pensouthafrica.co.za.

[Click here to view all calls for submissions](#)

MEMBERS' NEWS

Warmest congratulations to PEN SA member, Karin Brynard on her book, *Weeping Waters* being longlisted for Crime Writers' Association (CWA) International Dagger Award. Special mention to fellow PEN SA members, Isobel Dixon and Maya Fowler for their translation work on the novel. [Read more here.](#)

Warmest congratulations to PEN SA members, Nozizwe Cynthia Jele, Niq Mhlongo, Kirsten Miller, Simone Haysom, Charl-Pierre Naudé, Gabeba Baderoon and Sally Partridge on being shortlisted for the 2019 Media24 Book Prizes. [Read more here.](#)

Warmest congratulations to PEN SA members, Imraan Coovadia, Mohale Mashigo and Tiah Marie Beutement on being among those shortlisted for the 2019 Nommo Awards. [Read more here.](#)

WELCOME

Welcome to new PEN SA Professional Members, Nkateko Masinga and Shamin Chibba.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Refer to our May literary events calendar for information on literary festivals, book launches, panel discussions and poetry readings – available [here](#).

Please submit your literary events for inclusion on our events calendar by e-mailing
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