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A tribute to the late PEN SA Vice-President, Raymond Louw

PEN SA is sad to announce the passing of its Vice-President, Raymond Louw. Louw passed away on Tuesday, 4 June at the age of 93, less than 24 hours after his wife, Jean.

During his more than 60 years as a journalist, Louw established himself as one of South Africa's most important free media and -expression stalwarts.

Louw will be greatly missed for his dedicated service and support. PEN SA extends its deepest condolences to the Louw family.

Read more.



Free Expression Under Threat – PEN International's 2018 Case List

PEN International has released its 2018 Case List, which chronicles the global threats to freedom of expression - including but not limited to attacks, harassment, imprisonment and murders of writers and journalists engaged in free expression work recorded over the last calendar year.

In his introduction to the 2018 Case List, Salil Tripathi, Chair of PEN International's Writers in Prison Committee, notes that the number of cases being investigated by PEN has marginally decreased from approximately 220 in 2017 to 205 in 2018.

"But what does it this mean?" Tripathi asks. "Is it reason to rejoice? Does it mean that fewer writers are under threat, or that some threats are so insidious that we don't get to hear about them?"

Read more.



A Tribute to Binyavanga Wainaina

PEN SA was saddened to hear about, and joins the global literary community in mourning, the passing of Kenyan writer and gay writers activist, Binyavanga Wainaina, who died on 21 May 2019.

PEN SA is, however, simultaneously, encouraged and emboldened by the legacy Wainaina leaves as a proudly African writer, thinker and activist.

Read more.



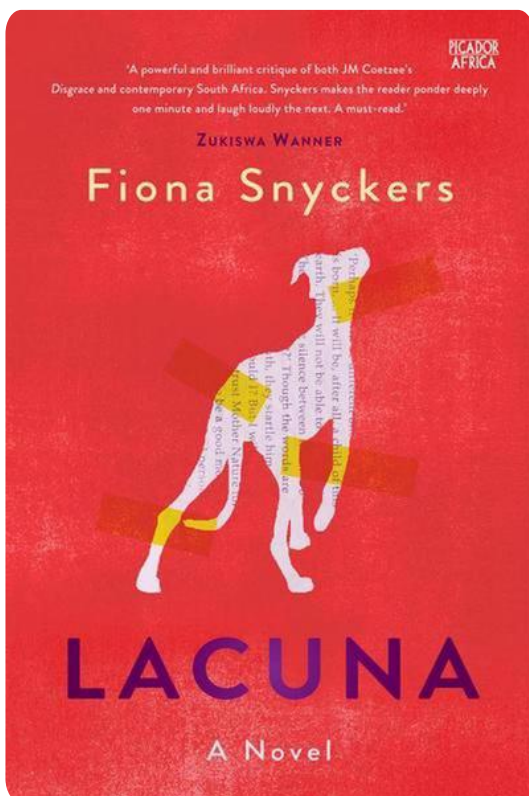
Farewell to Prufrock

PEN SA notes with sadness the closure of South African literary journal, *Prufrock*.

Started five years ago by Helen Sullivan, James King, Anneke Rautenbach and Nick Mulgrew – the journal has consistently published some of the best new writing from established and unknown local names. This cemented *Prufrock* as a staple read among literary lovers across the country and, indeed, the world.

[Read more](#)

MEMBERS' NEW TITLES



New and upcoming releases from PEN SA members include *Lacuna* by Fiona Snyckers.

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

MEMBERS' NEWS

CALLS FOR SUBMISSIONS

NEW! [Call for submissions: 2019 African Writers Award \(14 June\)](#)

NEW! [Call for stories about Cape Town: Writing My City \(14 June\)](#)

NEW! [Call for applications: JIAS Writing Fellowship \(Deadline 30 June\)](#)

NEW! [Call for applications: Goethe Institut Writer's residency in Burkina Faso \(Deadline 7 July\)](#)

NEW! [The Bare Life Review requests submissions from immigrant and refugee authors](#)

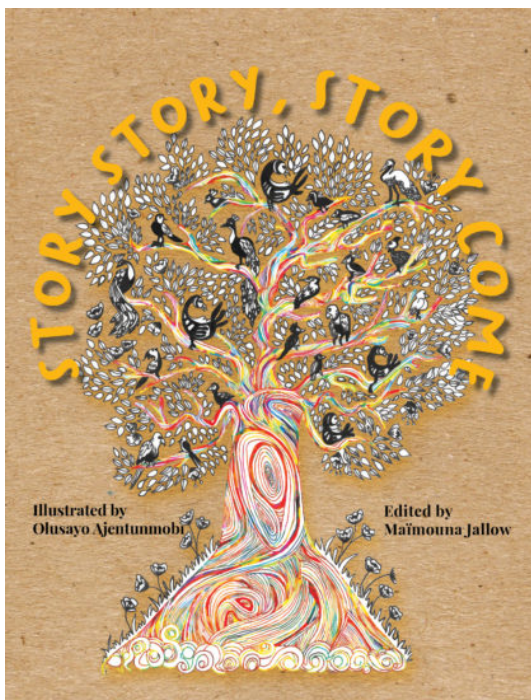
[Call for pieces: Living While Feminist \(Deadline 20 June\)](#)

[Calling all first-time authors: submit your manuscript for the Dinaane Debut Fiction Award \(Deadline 30 June\)](#)

[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](#)



Congratulations to PEN SA member, Zukiswa Wanner whose publishing company Paivapo launched its first book on Saturday, 1 June. It takes the form of an anthology that reimagines 12 children's folk tales, written by 12 writers from eight African countries.

It will be available in English as Story Story, Story Come and in Xhosa as Chosi Ntsomi (translated by Mandlakayise Matyumza and PEN member Siphiwo Mahala) .

Sesotho (Deadline 31 July)

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

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

UPCOMING EVENTS

Refer to our June 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 newslettereditor@pensouthafrica.co.za.

WELCOME

Welcome to new PEN SA Supporting Member, BeBe Binah Brits.

Send us your news

Had a book published recently? Attended or participated in a festival? Won an award? Achieved a personal milestone of note? We welcome any news of your activities for future issues of the PEN SA newsletter. Please let us know if your email changes so we can update our mailing list.

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