



Press Release

SA Book Awards Shortlist Announced

This year marks the 23rd annual SA Book Awards, powered by Nielsen BookData and supported by PASA and SABA. The awards strive to celebrate books written and published in South Africa, as voted for by South African booksellers from a list of bestselling titles, as measured by Nielsen BookScan South Africa in 2022.

Last year the award recognised authors Joanne Joseph (Fiction), Gérard Labuschagne (Non-Fiction) and Refiloe Moahloli (Children's). This year, we have had an amazing number of submissions, and we are delighted to share the shortlisted authors below:

Fiction Prize

- Doolhof by Rudie van Rensburg
- Mercy by Jackie Phamotse
- The End by Dudu Busani-Dube
- The Milk Tart Murders by Sally Andrew

Non-Fiction

- Faf: Through Fire by Faf du Plessis with Marco Botha
- Our Poisoned Land by Jacques Pauw
- The ANC Billionaires by Pieter du Toit
- The South African Air Fryer Cookbook by Louisa Holst

Children's

- Donker Web by Fanie Viljoen
- My First African Adventure by Riaan Manser & Murray Williams
- The Wildest Dog and Other African Tales by Avril Van der Merwe
- Vetplantfeetjies by Antjie Krog and Ingrid de Kok

Sally Andrew, Antjie Krog and Jacques Pauw are all previous winners of the overall prestigious award, while Jackie Phamotse and Pieter du Toit have won the Fiction and Non-Fiction categories. Others have been shortlisted before but are yet to scoop the prize. This year's shortlist also features several titles that are independently published: *Mercy* by Jackie Phamotse, *The End* by Dudu Busani-Dube and *Faf: Through Fire* by Faf du Plessis with Marco Botha.

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Joanne Joseph, won last year's overall prize for her debut novel *Children of Sugarcane*. On hearing the news she said: "“Though it took many years of hard work, it was a joy to mould the work of our great historians into a fictional narrative. My sincere thanks to my family and friends, my outstanding editors and publishers, the enthusiastic booksellers and media colleagues who promoted *Children of Sugarcane*, the many readers who supported this book, and the SA Book Awards for this amazing recognition!”

Each category winner will be awarded R5,000.00 and the overall winner, receiving the highest number of votes, will be presented with R20,000.00. The winners will be announced at a virtual ceremony in a month's time.

We wish all the shortlisted authors the warmest of congratulations and the very best of luck!

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