The Alan Paton Award

This year’s entries seemed to concentrate on how war, politics and social change affect the individual — in South Africa and beyond.

THE JUDGES

PETER HARRIS
Peter Harris practised law for many years at Choudhry Thompson & Harpoorn. In the early ’90s, he was seconded to the National Peace Accord, after which he headed the Monitoring Directorate of the Independent Electoral Commission for the 1994 election. He later returned to law and has consulted internationally for the UN in various countries around the world. He is a practising attorney in Johannesburg. His first book, ‘In a Different Time, the Inside Story of the Demos Four’, was the winner of the 2009 Sunday Times Alan Paton Award for non-fiction. His second book, ‘Birth’, about a conspiracy to stop the 1994 election, was published in November 2010.

PRISHANI NAIDOO
Awardeed her PhD in 2011 for her work focusing on the struggle for basic services in post-apartheid South Africa. Prishani Naidoo has a long history in activism, beginning in the early ’90s when she joined the ANC. Now a writer, researcher and lecturer in the sociology department at the University of the Witwatersrand, Naidoo is the co-editor of the New South African Review. She is also the author of a number of academic and popular essays and book reviews. Before joining Wiwa, Naidoo co-founded the research collective Research and Education in Development.

BEN WILLIAMS
The founder of Book Live, South Africa’s top news source for local publishing and writing. Ben Williams is originally from the US and has lived in South Africa since 1995. He has writing degrees from the University of Cape Town and Northwestern University (US) and has published a novel and a cookbook. His interests lie in the digital space, where he is collaborating on a number of ebook and digital publishing initiatives. He is the author of the New South Hybromark (2006) and The Masals Cookbook (2005).

THE LONGLIST

1. Jane Raphaely Unelected
   by Jane Raphaely, Associated Media Publishing
2. A Bantu in my Bathroom
   by Eusebius McKaiser, Bookstorm
3. Mboti's Millions
   by Alan Knott-Craig with Gus Silber, Bookstorm
4. Back in the From the Anger
   by Roger Lussey, Jacana
5. Endings and Beginnings
   by Budi Thlabi, Jacana
6. The Kebble Collision
   by Barry Segenbien, Jacana
7. Songs and Secrets
   by Barry Gilder, Jacana
8. Who Rules South Africa?
   by Martin Paut and Paul Holden, Jonathan Ball
9. Death of an Idealist
   by Beverly Naaido, Jonathan Ball
10. JM Coetzee: A Life in Writing
    by Joanne Kramer, Jonathan Ball
11. Zuma Exposed
    by Adrian Buzon, Jonathan Ball
12. Under our Skin
    by Donald McGill, Simon & Schuster
13. The Beauty of the Line
    by Chabani Manganyi, KMM Review
14. Lost in Transformation
    by Sample Terribalanche, KMM Review
15. Eloquent Body
    by Elamin Garrish, Modjaji Books
16. Swimming with Cobras
    by Rossmore Smith, Modjaji Books
17. Eight Days in September
    by Fatos Chikapo, Picador Africa
18. Strikes Have Followed Me All My Life
    by Emma Mashinini, Picador Africa
19. The Hungry Season
    by Leonie Joubert & Eric Miller, Pan Macmillan
20. Thinking up a Hurricane
    by Martinek Stillwell, Penguin
21. Conversations with My Sons and Daughters
    by Mphatlele Ramphele, Penguin
22. Eye on the Diamonds
    by Terry Crawford-Browne, Penguin
23. Africa’s Third Liberation
    by Greg Mills and Jeffrey Herbst, Penguin
24. Africa’s Future
    by DuncanClarke, Profile Books
25. Disputed Land
    by Louis Chedjoum and Bertus Steenkamp, Protea Books
26. Clarence van Buren
    by Chris Marsewick, Protea Bookworks
27. Mangazungu: Kings and Kingmakers
    by Mandy Rosouw, KwaZulu
28. Endgame
    by Willie Esterhuysen, Tafelberg
29. Biko: A Biography
    by Xolile Mangos, Tafelberg
30. Poor White
    by Edward John Bottomley, Tafelberg
31. The Last Afrikaner Leaders
    by Hermann Giliomee, Tafelberg
32. Spinner in the Works
    by Pat Fahrenfort, Umuzi
33. Love Sees No God
    by Bruce Clark, Umuzi
34. Rat Roads
    by Jacques Pauw, Zebra Press
35. Killing for Profit
    by Julian Rademeyer, Zebra Press
36. Extreme Environment
    by Jon Vugier, Zebra Press
37. The Art of Losing
    by Luke Alfred, Zebra Press
38. We Remember Differently
    by Jyoti Mistri & Jordache A Elaphan, Umuzi Press
39. Reading Revolution
    by Answin Desai, Umuzi Press
40. Roots and Routes
    by Michael de Jongh, Umuzi Press
41. Seedlings
    by Elwyn Jenkins, Umuzi Press
42. The Hidden History of South Africa's Reading Cultures
    by Archie L Dick, University of Toronto Press
THE FICTION PRIZE

all genres

short stories

novels

VICTORY PRIZES

JOHN KIRBY

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The judges were pleased

and

delighted.

The judges were pleased but

still determined.

They wrote:

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