

# Home brewed books to beat the chill

*A South African-flavoured selection for those more interested in huddling by the fire than pulling on scarves and beanies and facing the soccer throngs*

**W**ITH the influx of 2010 World Cup visitors to our shores Exclusive Books hosts its annual Homebru promotion from now until July 11 to showcase a wide selection of South African writing.

A cornucopia of all that's lekker and local, Homebru explores the essence of what living in South Africa and being South African, is all about.

The Homebru book selection offers candid snapshots of South Africa.

Tourists will no doubt be fascinated by the *Hello South Africa: Phrasebook 11 Official Languages* by Mark and Michelle Macdonald; *Soccer Chic, the South African Way*, by Mark Gleeson will make a fantastic souvenir of the World Cup; and if gastronomy's your bag, *Evita's Kossie Sikelela*, by South Africa's darling Evita Bezuidenhout could be just the ticket.

Meanwhile, *Young Mandela*

by David Smith; *Mandela's Way* by Richard Stengel; *The Rise and Fall of Apartheid* by David Welsh and *South Africa's Brave New World*, by RW Johnson, provide thought-provoking insight into the events and people who have shaped this country.

Top local fiction writers provide a host of must-reads, full of drama, humour and action, including: *The Spud Special Edition* by John van der Ruit; *Spilt Milk* by Kopano Matlwa; and the irresistible *Eggs to Lay, Chickens to Hatch*, by Chris van Wyk.

Other not-to-be-missed gems include: *Angina Monologues* by Rosamund Kendal; *Just Dessert Dear* by Marita van der Vyver; *Thirteen Hours* by Deon Meyer; *Banquet* by Patricia Schonstein; and *Saracens at the Gates* by Zinaid Meeran.

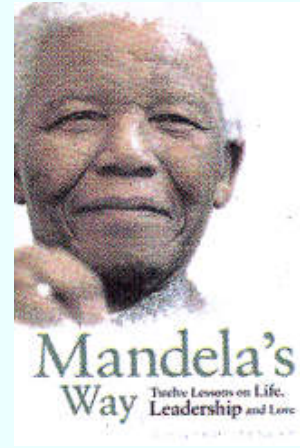
Two beautiful coffee table books that capture our country and culture have been included in the offering: *Soweto* by Jodi Bieber and *South Africa: A Visual Tour Through Its*



*Regions*, by Toast Coetzer.

An unusual compilation of stories by South Africans across the world, called *Home Away*, which is edited by Louis Greenberg, shows that being South African isn't as black and white as it used to be.

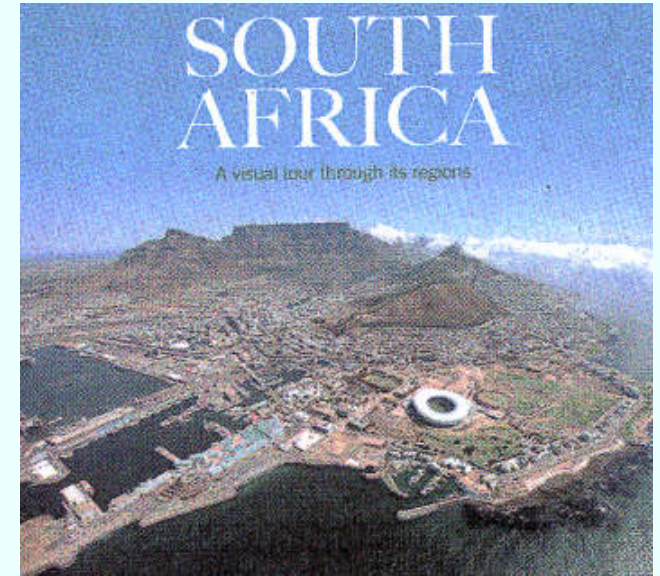
People from all over the world make South Africa their home, and this captivating collection gives a glimpse of



South African writing by emigrant and immigrant South Africans, living at home and away.

"All the books resonate in some way with what South Africans are feeling and doing right now.

"Homebru encourages South Africans to read real stories told by ordinary South Africans, exploring societal



issues and our rich cultural heritage – much of which has been misrepresented in the past," says the marketing manager of Exclusive Books, René Brophy.

The Homebru list comprises

30 recently published titles by South African authors, including biographies, sport, politics, current affairs, economic analysis, crime, fiction and cooking and travel titles. – Life Reporter