

THE BLOODY BOOK WEEK

MYSTERY. MAYHEM. MURDER.

Africa's only crime book festival is celebrating its fifth year, with super stars Peter James, Deon Meyer and many others jetting into Joburg to celebrate one of the hottest book genres around between the 6th and 9th August.

It's been estimated that up to a quarter of all books published in the English language have crime at their heart.

Twenty two different venues across Joburg (including the Gautrain) will host the writers and audiences. These range from small bookshops to auditoriums, from coffee shops to swish restaurants, as a variety of experiences are brought before the audiences. We have included lunchtime bookreadings by the authors at Exclusive Books.

Some of the events are participatory - *Murder on the Gautrain*, *The Bloody Book Week Masterclass* with tuition coming from Peter James, Deon Meyer and Amanda Coetzee, as well as *Great South African Crimes* with Sean Brokensha, The Music Guru, setting crimes to music, and foodie Anna Trapido feeding the audience with the 'last meals', and so much more.

Discussions take place at the GIBS Auditorium (Peter James and Deon Meyer looking at their anti-heroes Bennie Griessel and Roy Grace) and Mandy Wiener, Glynnis Breytenbach and others asking: *Can the NPA be rescued?* With sponsorship from Bentley, Porcupine Ridge, 54 on Bath, Exclusive Books and many others, the Bloody Book Week web site is the portal for information and bookings (www.thebloodybookweek.co.za)

Founded by Talk Show host and avid crime book reader Jenny Crwys-Williams over five years ago, its precursor was *Fright Night* where the cream of South African crime writing gathered for a night of great writing, conversation and books. The scope has broadened with local crime

writers rubbing shoulders with some of the best crime writers – fiction and non-fiction – in the world.

Previous superstars we featured included Peter Robinson, Jeffrey Deaver, John Connolly, Stuart MacBride, Mark Gimenez and many others. International crime writer Peter James (14 million copies sold) is joined by local writers Deon Meyer, Amanda Coetzee, Penny Lorimer, CM Elliott, Dr David Klatzow, Mandy Wiener & Barry Bateman, Alex Eliseev, Paul O'Sullivan, and guests such as Glynnis Breytenbach, Ray White, Sue Grant- Marshall, Katy Katopodis, Gia Nicolaides, Sean Brokensha and Anna Trapido. Jo-Anne Richards and Richard Beynon of *All About Writing* are managing our Bloody Book Masterclass.

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