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IBBY SOUTH AFRICA

QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER

Happy holidays!

'Tis the season to gather around and enjoy a good book and share the love of reading.

As I write this I think of how 2019 has been a year of change. The challenge of bringing children and books together in a challenging, and polarised world, with very few resources and almost no recognition, has made demands on the Executive Committee members, many of whom are new to the world of children's books. We share our challenges and opportunities below along with our highlights.

Thank you for making 2019 a successful year full of beautiful children's books that are slowly beginning to truly represent our diverse nation.

From the IBBY SA family to yours, we wish you warm and happy holidays with family & friends and may the next year bring you unimaginable happiness.

Regards,
Dusanka Stojakovic

2019 CHALLENGES 2020 GROWTH

IBBY SA is not a large, well-funded organisation, we are grateful for Biblionef for continuing to provide a home for us at their offices in Pinelands. Since 2004, The Yamada Apiculture Farm in Japan, has funded the IBBY SA schools programme. This enabled IBBY SA to remain active and assisted in funding our annual subscription to the international body of IBBY. Without the generosity of the Yamada Bee Farm, the organisation would have closed down many years ago.

The funding for the 2019 Project has just been received. In 2020 we will together with Biblionef and Shine Trust provide 9 Schools in the Eastern Cape a total of 2700 storybooks in their home languages coupled with Shine's Creating a Culture of Reading and Parenting Workshops.

IBBY SA does not have any paid employees so we are grateful to the volunteers who have put their own energy and resources to ensure we meet our 2019 goals. We are also thankful to everyone who is a paid-up IBBY SA members, your membership fees are what keep us going. We would like to continue to grow our membership base in 2020 so that we have the necessary resources to feed into our various initiatives which ultimately link to our goal to increase the visibility of African children's books. So please share information with authors, illustrators, artists, librarians, teachers, academics, storytellers, students, translators, animators and journalists that you think will benefit from being an IBBY SA member.

Finding volunteers to give of their time has been yet another challenge, and we are hoping to attract a new cohort of energetic people in 2020. The intention is to have the Executive Committee meet four times a year, with monthly meetings of the Portfolio Committees, and bi-monthly events. The objective of these events is to energise the membership and attract new members.

2019 Highlights

We had a successful 2019 with many highlights, please click [here](#) to read more about all of our 2019 Highlights.



Collaborated with Exclusive Books to select the winners of the bi-annual IBBY SA Award. Click [here](#) to read more.





BOOK DASH are the recipients of the IBBY Yamada Fund 2020. Click [here](#) to read more about the IBBY Yamada Fund.

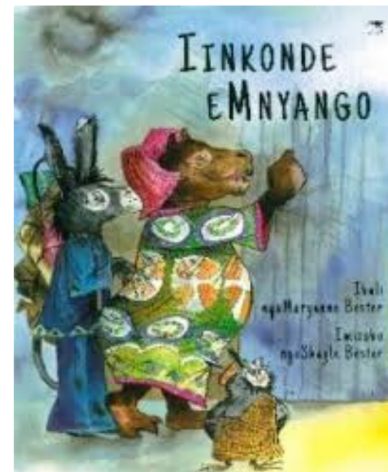
Give The Gift of Books



Lebohang Masango - winner of the IBBY SA Award for Best Writer.

Mpumi's Magic Beads is a delightful story about friendship, self-esteem, discovery and beautiful hair in the big city of Joburg.

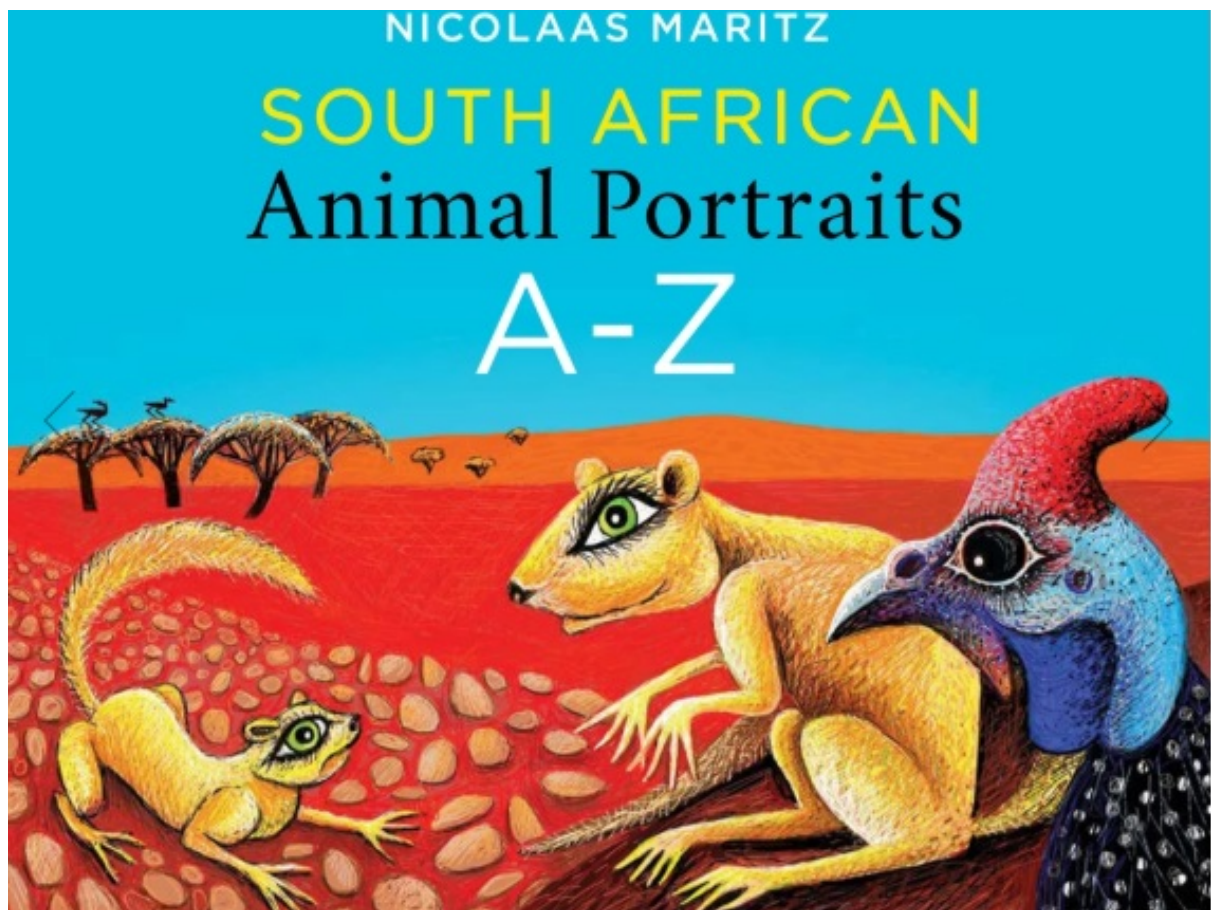
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Xolisa Guzula - winner of the IBBY SA Award for Best Translation.

linkonde eMnyango, the isiXhosa translation of *The Elders at the Door*, is a fable which is told across the continent.

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Nicolaas Maritz - winner of the IBBY SA Award for Best Illustrations.

Meet the mammals, reptiles, insects and birds who populate the veld, desert, forests and ponds of South Africa.

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THE YEAR IN EVENTS

Through constantly reaching out to different communities IBBY SA aims to bring the joy of books and reading to as many different communities as possible.

In this way, IBBY SA continuously strives to create a bigger awareness of the role the organization plays in promoting reading and an appreciation of books and/or stories through literature and art.

We share a few snapshots from some of the events we were part of this past year.



The Cape Flats Book Festival hosted by Read to Rise in Mitchells Plain, Cape Town from 31 August to 1 September 2019.



Literacy Month celebrations in De Doorns, with the local library and our partners to realize the right of every child to become a writer.



IBBY SA welcomes Spring with Grandpa Farouk's Garden, Cake and Drawing In The Park in Grassypark, Cape Town on 21st of September.

In 2020, we are looking to collaborate and work more with other organisations to advance IBBY SA's aims and objectives.

So please do share your forthcoming events so that we can add to our Event Calendars.

JOIN US IN 2020

We would also like to hear from you! Please share any information you would like to share with the IBBY SA community to ibbysa@ibbysa.org.za.

We would like to increase our communications with you. So please do let us know if you would like more regular newsletters - monthly or quarterly and what type of content you would like to receive.

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