



# The Bay Bookshop

## December 11<sup>th</sup> Newsletter

Christmas sees the customary cornucopia of titles and if you need a few suggestions, then look no further. If these don't whet the appetite, we're happy to tailor-make suggestions for fussy Aunt Bulgaria or the man who 'doesn't read' (there are pop-ups and 3-D books for him).

Don't forget, all these are eligible for our loyalty card, still the best deal in town.

In fiction, John Le Carre has updated the spy novel to encompass the Russian Mafia and ghastly oligarchs in '**Our Kind of Traitor**' (R210) while Ken Follett embarks on a massive four-family saga which swims through the currents of twentieth-century history in '**Fall of Giants**' (R275). For sheer fun and enjoyment, Jilly Cooper's '**Jump**' (R215) back in the familiar world of horses and dashing heroes and villains, is hard to beat. If your tastes are literary there is the Mann-Booker Prize winner, Howard Jacobson's '**The Finkler Question**' (R150) which takes a wry look at Jewish identity or Jonathan Franzen's widely praised, if much misprinted, '**Freedom**' (R180).

Southern African titles of note include, Peter Godwin's, '**The Fear**' (R195) about the last days of Robert Mugabe's reign; Peter Harris's, '**Birth**' (R200) the conspiracy to stop the 1994 election; Craig and Hugh Fraser's magnificently photographed, '**Modern Wineries of South Africa**' (R475) and '**Pik Botha – His Life and Times**' (R395 – well, it is *massive*) by Theresa Papenfus. Or how about a novel based on the Brett Kebble case, '**Mettle**' (R165) by local legal expert Rupert Smith?

Humour and intelligence go hand in hand in Stephen Fry's, '**The Fry Chronicles**' (R290) the next part of his memoirs and the same may be said for Bill Bryson's '**At Home**' (R330) a delightful and illuminating stroll through domestic history.

As usual, children have an amazing selection to choose from but will probably go for old favourites such as 'The Guinness Book of Records' (R250) guaranteed to ensure long periods of absorbed silence and believe it or not, Madam and Eve's off-the-wall approach to life has strong appeal to younger readers. The title alone makes it a hit, 'The Silence of the Vuvuzelas' (R140).

If you'd like a list of suggested titles, in other categories (History; Cookery; Science; Biography etc) or tailored for you, just let us know.

Regards,

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