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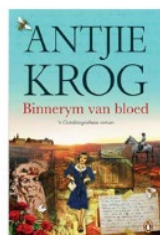
This year marks the 26th annual SA Book Awards, powered by NielsenIQ BookData and supported by PASA and SABA. The awards strive to celebrate books written and published in South Africa, as voted for by South African booksellers, and we are delighted to announce this year's shortlists.



— 2026 SHORTLIST FOR — Adult Fiction



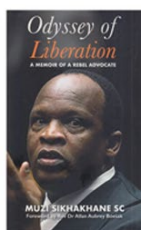
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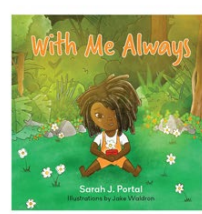
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2026 SHORTLIST FOR Children's Titles



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Our sincere thanks to all the booksellers in South Africa who took the time to vote for their favourite titles.

South African booksellers were invited to vote from the longlist which was generated for each category based on the bestselling titles, which were published in South Africa and written by South African authors, as measured by NielsenIQ BookScan South Africa in 2025.

The winners will be announced at the SA Book Awards Ceremony taking place virtually on Tuesday 8 September at 11.00 SAST. Details on how to join the ceremony will be shared soon.

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