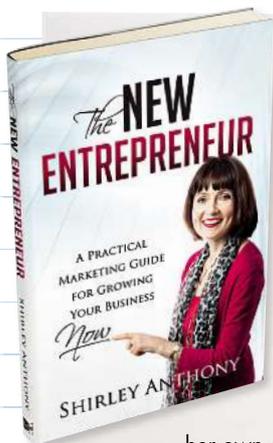
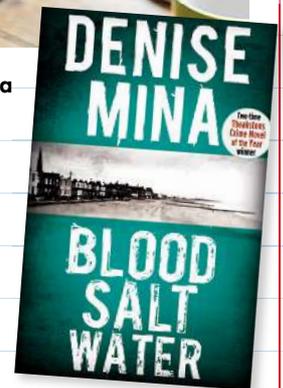


This month's top reads

By Jabulile Ngwenya & Zaza Motha

BLOOD SALT WATER by Denise Mina (Orion Books)

Ian Fraser's killed a woman and the crime is haunting him, although he did it to clear a debt and protect a friend. Now Roxanne Fuentesilla, a scam artist and suspected drug dealer, has gone missing. When one of her children tells the police he thinks she might be dead, a manhunt is launched – and her corpse is discovered in a field. Fraser's lawyer is edgy about his client's story, until a woman called Susan Grierson suddenly appears in Helensburg, claiming she's there to wind up the estate of her mother – but why has it taken her two years to do so? Mina, two-time winner of Theakstons Old Peculier Crime Novel of the Year, has written a wonderful page-turner.



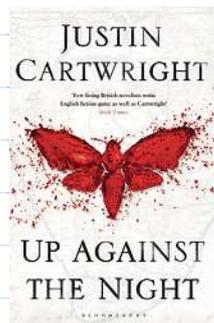
FOR THE BUSINESS READER

THE NEW ENTREPRENEUR: A PRACTICAL MARKETING GUIDE FOR GROWING YOUR BUSINESS NOW

by Shirley Anthony (Black Card Books)

As a new entrepreneur in African markets, Anthony offers guidelines to growing your business. Drawing on

her own experience as the founder of Marketing Breakthroughs, she provides an overview of the factors that make a business thrive, from gathering information and networking to consulting experts. The book's filled with wise advice from successful entrepreneurs and though it's not a day-to-day guide, it lays out steps to get you going in marketing your business.



UP AGAINST THE NIGHT by Justin Cartwright (Bloomsbury)

Frank McAllister is a wealthy, English-based descendant of Piet Retief, whose history in SA makes him uncomfortable. He's trying to cope with a threatening ex-wife, a daughter with drug issues and a cousin who's a Scientologist in the USA. McAllister's passionate about his South African heritage: he can't stop reminiscing about his childhood on his aunt's farm and in Johannesburg, as well as the history of the Boer War. Wanting a break, he invites his lover and her son to accompany him on a holiday to his beach house in Cape Town. He arrives in an upbeat mood, but when tragedy strikes, McAllister's forced to explore his identity with new eyes.

WHEN LOVING HIM HURTS by Sue Hickey & Philippa Sklaar (MF Books)

This memoir-cum-self-help book about extracting oneself from an abusive relationship lifts the veil of stigma and encourages victims to understand the cycle of abuse. Psychologist Hickey and her long-term client Sklaar offer guidelines, insights and practical advice that could ultimately save many women's lives.

