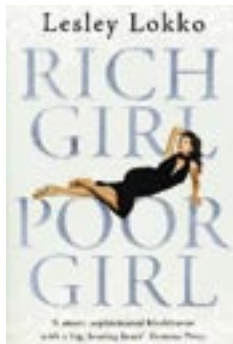
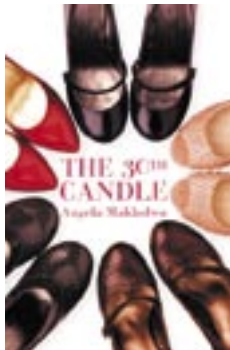


HOT READS

16 RICH GIRL, POOR GIRL BY LESLEY LOKKO (Orion, R207). **THE STORY** This intriguing tale of four friends, Nic, Caryn, Tory and Estelle, spans their lives from the '80s to present day, and is packed with sex, greed, revenge and glamour – all the best ingredients for a brilliant beach read. **WHY WE LOVE IT** It will keep you riveted to the very last page.



17 THE 30TH CANDLE BY ANGELA MAKHOLWA (Pan Macmillan, R135). **THE STORY** Linda, Dikeledi, Nolwazi and Sade have been best friends since varsity and are now facing – and fearing – the big Three-O together. As time changes their circumstances and personalities, cracks start to show in their relationship – until one huge betrayal forces each of them to choose where her loyalties lie within the friendship group. **WHY WE LOVE IT** It's a light, entertaining read about the loyalty, betrayals and bitchiness that go hand in hand with friendship.



HOT TALENT

18 Cape Town a capella (singing without instrumental accompaniment) group D7 is bringing old-school romance back into style. Original members Francois Swart, Scott Lee-Jones, Shiraz Jogee, Dylan Martin, Graham Hildyard and Patrick Craig met at a youth choir and banded together to try their voices at harmonising. Later they were joined by Monde Mdingi. They've supported musicians such as Louise Carver and Goldfish and they made it to the semi-finals of SA's Got Talent 2009. Their dream is to perform at the Kirstenbosch National Botanical Garden and at the Rocking The Daisies music festival – and from the way things are going, we're sure we'll be seeing them there soon.



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HOT DATE

19 FNB WHISKY LIVE FESTIVAL
WHEN 4 to 6 November at the Cape Town International Convention Centre and 11 to 14 November at the Sandton Convention Centre. **WHAT TO EXPECT** Whisky cocktails and liqueurs at the new Schweppes Art of Whisky Cocktail Zone, great food, chauffeur-driven guided tours, jewellery to dazzle and a cab service to get you home safely. **WHAT TO BRING** Comfortable walking shoes, a well-lined stomach and a healthy curiosity to take you through the whisky workshops. **COST** R180 per person for main hall and R255 for a combo ticket for access to the workshop. **CONTACT** Visit www.whiskylivefestival.co.za for details.



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